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Life.0

The same colour as that person’s armor—.

That’s what I thought as I looked at the vivid blood that covered my hands.

Red — crimson armor more vibrant than the colour of raspberries.

Yes, that person’s beautiful red dragon armor has the same colour as the blood that covers these hands—.

Hyoudou Issei; that’s my name, though my parents, friends, girlfriends, and everyone at school just call me ‘Ise’. Being at the peak of my youth, I am a third-year high school student currently deliberating over my future career path. I attend a private high school called Kuoh Academy. There were times when my juniors would say “That guy, isn’t that Issei?” about me, but I wasn’t sure how popular I was among my juniors. Well, thinking back upon it, I guess you could say that I got pretty famous since I enrolled because of the lecherous things that I did in my first year. There was even a time when I would go peek into the girls’ kendo club room. It surely was the peak of my youth. As a result of the perverted things that I did along with Matsuda and Motohama, rumours were still being spread throughout the school. If things continued like this, it looked like those rumours would continue to spread until my graduation… No, even after I graduate, it will still continue…

—And now that I have talked about my perversion, it’s time to reveal my true identity. To be honest, I am a Devil. I’m serious, no, it’s true. Please believe me. The Devils I’m

talking about are those ‘Devils’ that you see in legends or manga. The ones that are summoned through a magic circle, hear their summoner’s wish and take their soul in exchange for their wish to be granted… Well, Devils that seek souls are pretty rare nowadays though. Around autumn last year — I died as a human. It was at that time when I met a Pure-Blooded High-class Devil— Rias Gremory, I was reborn as I received an [Evil Piece] from her to become a Devil and was given a second life (?) as a [Reincarnated Devil]. Thinking about it, it might have been a tall hurdle for a seventeen-year-old to start a second life, but I unexpectedly managed to accept it promptly as I started to get used to Devils’ jobs and aimed to be promoted to a High-class Devil! Why did I want to become a High-class Devil, you say?

It’s obvious, isn’t it!? High-class Devils can build their own harems, you know!? I’d make every beautiful girl my servant in order to form my own harem! —And, one year had passed since I lustfully chased after my dream, fully embracing the perverse thoughts that filled my mind. And now, currently, I am—.

“Ah~, there’s no end to this…”

I sighed as I struggled with the tall stack of papers that rested upon the desk I sat at.

“Ise-sama, about the request from Sasaki-san—”

—And, I received a job report from my [Bishop] servant, Ravel Phoenix. A beautiful blonde-haired Devil, whose hair was styled such that two ringlets hung down vertically! She was my manager in all aspects, as well as my servant.

“Ise, there’s a call from Morisawa-san—”

The next person who gave me a report was the tomboyish Xenovia Quarta. She was also my servant, a [Knight].

“The newly designed brochure has been delivered by the company that we asked.”

The third person who gave me a report was a lovely woman with long silver hair — Rossweisse-san. A former Valkyrie who had become my [Rook] servant. As I received those reports from the girls, I gave my instructions in the same order.

“Do this with Sasaki-san, I’ll personally contact Morisawa-san later and the latest brochure will be confirmed in the meeting that’s one hour away.”

As I instructed them—

“Ise-san! I would like to receive the payment, but…there is too much! Geez!”

The blonde beauty who returned via the magic circle located inside the room, Asia Argento (a [Bishop] servant with cute green eyes!), returned along with many pieces of luggage, but…as the haul of luggage looked like it was about to topple over—

“““““Whoa, woah, woah!”””””

Everyone panicked and helped her. This is my current situation. Actually, I just started my personal [Devils’ Job] in my office. Indeed! I was promoted to High-class Devil! I started my own personal job as I achieved independence from my master Rias. I have become the High-class Devil that I dreamt of! My servants Asia, Xenovia, Rossweisse-san andRavel are all beauties as well! The harem development that I saw even in my dreams…as we couldn’t live with just

that, we did our daily jobs in the [Hyoudou Issei Household Office] that was established for us—. Since I started life as a Devil in my second year, about a year and a half had passed since then, and I was now approaching the second semester of my senior year.

“Here, it’s tea.”

“Thank you.”

As the job was finished, I received tea from Ravel as I breathed in its scent. I reflected back as I drank the tea. The past year and a half—. I was killed by my ex-girlfriend, who was actually a Fallen Angel, and got reincarnated as a Devil to become a servant for the Gremory household. As I deepened my bond with my friends, I also fought against my rivals in the Devils’ competition, the [Rating Games], and I continued to fight against wicked terrorists at times as well. Even though I had almost died several times fighting wicked enemies (actually, I did lose my physical body once), I accumulated quite the reputation for myself, so I got promoted to a Middle-class Devil, and finally became a High-class Devil. Of course, there were also many things that I lost during that time. I separated from the people who had supported me until I reached this point. However, I received my [Evil Pieces] from Maou Beelzebub-sama this autumn and traded with Rias and Ravel’s mum. As a result of that, I now had my own servants (Asia, Xenovia and Rossweisse-san were originally Rias’s servants). Because the [Evil Pieces] were an imitation of the chess pieces of the human world, the existing pieces were [Queen] x1, [Rook] x2, [Knight] x2, [Bishop] x2, and [Pawn] x8. The [King] was the master themself, and one could turn the person whom they desired as a Devil servant into a reincarnated Devil by using a piece on them. The pieces themselves had their own characteristics, but…I’m going to save that talk for later. —

And, I was Rias Gremory’s [Pawn]. Not to mention that I had more than one piece since I consumed eight [Pawn] pieces. The number of pieces consumed changes depending on the talent and hidden power of the targeted person. And with that, I continue to remain a [Pawn] of Rias despite becoming independent, and I am still Rias’s servant even though I became a High-class Devil.

—Well, I will stop the [Evil Piece] talk here. I will once again explain that this office is the [Hyoudou Issei Household Office]. The [Hyoudou Issei Household Office] is my, no, it’s our workplace. After becoming a High-class Devil and receiving independence from Rias, I established my own office and started doing [Devils’ Jobs] together with my servants. If I were to explain once more what a [Devils’ Job] is, it is like the legend where we grant the wishes of the people who summoned us in exchange for something of equal value. We get called by using the brochure that has a summoning magic circle drawn on it that we give to people who look greedy on the streets and in town. It seemed that, in the past, we used to demand a soul while the other party made requests of us, but as expected, people like that were rare nowadays as we mainly receive money or other things in exchange for their wish to be granted. I’ll say this once, but we don’t accept perverted requests! My proud servants, they are all cuties! And that’s exactly why I would absolutely deny those kinds of requests, regardless of who the requester was. Well, because there were other Devils who specialised in perverted requests, our Gremory group doesn’t have any links to it whatsoever. …No, if I were the requester, I would wish for perverted things though… Well, this and that are separate matters! My cute servants are my precious servants! I won’t let other bastards lay even a finger on them!

Because this was our first time managing the [Devils' Job] after becoming independent, I felt like everyone had been hastily struggling to somehow keep this business running ever since we started. We also took over customers who were my clients while I was doing my job under Rias. And naturally, we were also slowly but surely making progress in the procurement of new customers. I massaged my own shoulder. …It was really troubling how there were so many more things that I had to do as a High-class Devil compared to the time when I was an underling. Now, not only did I have to pedal my bicycle to go to my customer's place, I also had to check the arranged documents and schedule, as well as think about future operations. We sorted the documents and prepared for our next job as our job for today had ended. As we did that, Ravel said to me.

"Ise-sama, if we don't end our work here for today, it will have an effect on tomorrow."

Rossweisse-san continued.

"That's right. Tomorrow is an important day after all."

On top of that, Xenovia and Asia also added.

"Yeah, it's the press conference for Ise and Master Rias's engagement after all. We're looking forward to it. Right, Asia?"

"Yes, I'm looking forward to it."

Yes, tomorrow was — my engagement press conference! I proposed to my master, as well as my current girlfriend, Rias this autumn. She was really popular there as she was a princess of the Underworld — in the Gremory territory. If she had gotten a fiance, it wasn't possible for the Underworld to remain silent about it. As the next head of a noble family,

Rias had been asked to make a public announcement from each media organisation in the Underworld as they wanted to broadcast how things started until we got engaged to the ordinary Devils of the Underworld. And with that, I would hold the press conference along with her as her fiance. I smiled wryly as I scratched my cheek

“Yeah, even though I am honoured, the atmosphere surely will be heavy. However, I guess I have no other choice.”

As I took a sip of the tea, I took a deep breath and fired myself up. It’s been a year and a half since I became a Devil… My dream as a Harem King… It feels like it’s so close, yet…so far. Well, whatever happens, I will always look forward. Because that’s just how I, Hyoudou Issei, am.

Life.1 High-class Devil Hyoudou Issei

Part 1

A few days later—.

We went to the world of Devils the Underworld, during our school holidays. Although the Underworld was different from the human realm, the vastness of it was roughly the same, but there was

no ocean as only vast land spread across the realm

. The Underworld was formerly divided into two parts, the Devils' and Fallen Angels' (Angels who were banished from Heaven as they held wicked sentiments) territories. However, since all mythologies, including Angels, started to form an alliance last year, they all started interacting with each other and the feeling of tension caused by crossing the national border had

almost disappeared as well.

The place we were at was the Gremory territory in the Devils' Underworld. It was the territory that the feudal lord High-class Devil Gremory household managed. The engagement press conference was held at the most gorgeous hotel in that castle town. And as the press corps throughout the Underworld had gathered at the hall that was prepared for the press conference, I and — the beautiful girl who was sitting beside me at the conference seat, Rias Gremory, were dazzled because of the flashes of light being

fired off. A crimson-haired woman with blue eyes overflowing with elegance! A clear-headed woman who excelled in using the power of a Devil. magic, she was indeed the genius woman who was accomplished in both literary and military arts! Plus, she had an unrivaled style and big oppai!

Yes, the beautiful crimson-haired girl sitting next to me was my Devil master, as well as the next head of the Gremory household, a princess, Rias Gremory. She was currently a university student and had retired naturally from the Occult Research Club, giving her position of president to Asia as she graduated from Kuoh Academy this autumn. Rias and I lined up and started the press conference as we told the press corps—.

“—And as such, I would like to report that I, Rias Gremory, am engaged to this man, Hyoudou Issei.”

As the press conference started, she announced the engagement news alongside a light greeting. In an instant, Rias and I were dazzled by the simultaneous flashes that intensified. Because this press conference was held to tell the public that I was officially engaged with Rias, I also…

“I’ll take part in the introduction as well… Uhm, but I think everyone already knows about me…”

I started my speech that way and continued with [I am engaged to Rias Gremory]. Rias was a celebrity as she was a High-class Devil princess, and her brother was also the Maou Lucifer. Being her servant, as well as the reputation that I got through fighting against the terrorist organisation [Khaos Brigade] who had been harming Devils and other mythologies, I was not only known by the Underworld but also by other mythologies. Coupled with the power of the

legendary Dragon, the [Welsh Dragon], Red Dragon Emperor Ddraig, who dwelled inside my body,

the interest of the upper echelons towards me kept increasing.

…And a-above all, the reason why I was popular was… It was when the reporter gave out his question. The first reporter asked.

“This is a question directed to the celebrity of the Underworld, Oppai Dragon, otherwise known as Hyoudou Issei. I would like to ask about the start of your romantic life with the Switch Princess, Rias Gremory—”

—Oppai Dragon, Switch Princess. Such ridiculous words came out of nowhere… [Oppai Dragon] was a superhero SFX program with the official name [Breast Dragon Emperor (Chichiryuutei) Oppai Dragon]. Whenever I encountered a problem, I would always say [Oppai! Oppai!], and because of the mysterious power up that I got as a result of those oppai, people started calling me the [Oppai Dragon], and it was even made into a TV program. Thanks to that, I became popular among the children in the Underworld.

And the reason Rias was called [Switch Princess] was because of her oppai being the trigger for my power-ups.

I would get a power-up if I…uhm, touched and poked Rias’s oppai. …Thinking about it calmly, I surely didn’t know what I was saying. But thanks to that, I had escaped from a pinch several times, as well as making progress in terms of power, so I guess it can’t be helped! Did my way of growing change as a result of my excessive demand for oppai as well?

And as there were such things, the fact that Rias and I experienced various circumstances until now made us famous not only in the Underworld, but also among the other mythologies. Well, it might also because of our engagement that we attracted this much attention in the press conference. As I answered the reporters' questions, I thought about such things. However, the reporters kept on asking us questions one after another.

"There is a rumour saying that the marriage will occur soon after Princess Rias graduates from university. Is this true?"

"Hyoudou-san! Please tell me what your proposal speech was like! While your proposal to the other girls in the tournament was popular, I would like you to tell me your proposal to Princess Rias as it hasn't been made public yet!"

"I've heard that Hyoudou-san is also engaged with other girls, but have the dates for the weddings been decided?"

"Rias-hime, what's the engagement order of the girls?"

"There was also a rumour saying that there might be a possibility of marrying the daughter of the Phoenix household, Ravel-hime. What's your take on this matter?"

"Are you going to live in the Underworld after you get married? Or are you going to live in Hyoudou-san's parents' house in the human realm?"

Both Rias and I responded with the answers that we had remembered before like 'Let's see, actually—' or 'We can't give you any answers yet'. However, as we couldn't answer all the questions, we signalled to the organisers at an appropriate time.

[Now, we will end the engagement press conference.]

As the organisers closed the event, Rias and I stood up from our seats and left the place.

“Hyoudou-san!”

“Princess Rias!”

Behind us, the storm of flashes continued, and quite a number of questions were tossed out. As expected, an engagement with a princess sure is troublesome, huh… Or so I felt, but I took a deep breath and looked at Rias as soon as we stepped into the corridor and the doors to the venue were closed behind us.

“Hahaha.”

“Fufufu.”

As if our nervousness had completely disappeared, both of us burst into laughter. With this, the press conference ended safely. By the way, about the proposal speech that was asked in one of the questions… Nevermind, I will stop bringing it up, it’s too embarrassing!

Rias and I were ushered in by our comrades as we returned to the dressing room. I quickly sat on the chair as I was worn out.

“Ah, it finally ended… These kinds of things sure are tiring.”

“Good work out there.”

Ravel then presented me a glass of tea. Man, I was grateful that my manager was so thoughtful. Rias smiled wryly as

she said.

“We have no choice as I am the next head of the noble Gremory household and you’re the Underworld’s super famous man. It’s only natural that if we hold a press conference, it would turn out like this. We have no choice but to adapt. The life of a Devil is long after all.”

I came to a realisation. …If one were to become a celebrity in the Underworld, that person must do something like this whenever something happens… By the way, just as Rias said, a Devil’s lifespan is long. It was said to be as long as ten thousand years, or even longer than that. If I had to do this kind of thing every year, did it mean that I would have to do it another ten thousand times? …Just thinking about it, I became annoyed. Xenovia was looking at her smartphone as she said.

“Look, [Oppai Dragon] and [Switch Princess] are trending right now on the Underworld’s social media.”

Xenovia then showed us her phone screen… It’s real, it seemed like everyone was clamorously talking about our engagement press conference. Rias smiled.

“Fufufu, we need to be careful

, eh? We are being followed by the media and many people.”

…Yeah, it’s just as Rias said. We should be careful not to let any bad rumours spread out. Well, our activities were currently centered on the human realm as well, so I guess the media wouldn’t chase us that far, and that meant that I could rest easy as there wouldn’t be any direct news coverage. Suddenly, as if Xenovia had remembered something, she said.

“Maybe it would be better if we held an engagement press conference as well?”

Asia panicked in response to this.

“Hauu! As expected, it would seem that I-I won’t be able to endure something like that…”

Xenovia and Asia were frightened of the engagement press conference. Actually, there was a question that was asked during the press conference just now as well, but…I was engaged with girls other than Rias!

Asia Argento, Himejima Akeno-san, Toujou Shirone (Koneko)-chan…and her sister Kuroka, as well as Xenovia Quarta, Shidou Irina, and Rossweisse-san! As of now, there were eight girls

whom I had vowed my future with

. Or should I say, I proposed to them (there were also cases of reverse proposal though?) Hehehe, I decided to make all of the girls who fancied me into my brides. After all, they had accompanied me through various things thus far such as daily life, and also in battle. Also, we’re talking about me, the one who aimed to be the Harem King, you know! If there was a girl who told me that she liked me, and I also liked her…I would want to make her happy as well! As it was possible for Devils to be married to a number of people of the opposite sex, that problem there is cleared. As my first lover, and also my fiancee, Rias was well aware of this. Since Rias was a pure-blooded Devil who understood polygamy, she agreed and gave her permission to have more than one bride. In fact, it was Rias who had the guts to manage the girls by herself. Rias said to the girls.

“I am sure that there are those who have to and those who don’t have to do it. Asia and Xenovia, you guys don’t have to do it. The same for Akeno, Shirone, and Kuroka.”

Ah, so it was fine whether I do it or not. Although I thought so, the next press conference was going to be with Asia or Akeno-san… So it was okay if I didn’t do it, huh. The Japanese onee-sama with glossy long black hair, (what an outstanding style!) Himejima Akeno-san, disappointedly said.

“Ara, ara, not doing the press conference with my husband…Ise-kun, even though I was unexpectedly looking forward to it.”

“…I am fine whether we do it or not as the fact that I am Ise-senpai’s bride won’t change.”

The one who sat on my lap while eating a snack as she spoke was my small loli junior who was a year below me, Toujou Shirone-chan. Although now, everyone calls her [Shirone-chan] rather than her former name, [Toujou Koneko]. Akeno-san was the [Queen], while Shirone-chan a.k.a Koneko-chan was the [Rook] of Rias’s peerage. Asia, Xenovia, and Rossweisse-san were also Rias’s servants in the beginning, but when I was promoted, a trade occurred and they became my servants now. There was a girl who raised her hand this way. A naive girl with light-brown hair tied into twintails — my childhood friend, Shidou Irina. Irina, who was a reincarnated Angel, said.

“Ah, I will probably do it. It’s for the officials of Heaven. I received such an explanation from the higher-ups.”

The current Angels couldn’t produce new ones as a result of the Great War that happened between the Three Factions in the past. As they formed an alliance, the Angels used the

technology that was suggested by the Devils and Fallen Angels to create a system that made the targeted person become reborn as an Angel. Irina was Michael-san's (a leader in Heaven) Ace. Because Angels imitated the Devils' reincarnation system, the [Evil Pieces], they used playing cards as their form of reincarnation. And as Irina received the Ace card from Michael-san, she became a Reincarnated Angel.

"Are you serious! Well, that's right… Irina is Michael-san's Ace after all…"

As Irina said that to me, I nodded as I tried to show consent. …The engagement press conference with Irina was directed to Heaven? Or was it for the Christian church? A press conference that had a sacred atmosphere was…it was like scary from a Devil's perspective, or it felt like something new… There was another one who raised her hand. —It was Rossweisse-san.

"As I was born as a Valkyrie, is it better for me to tell the Norse?"

Rossweisse-san was a former Valkyrie who was born in the Norse mythology. If that's the case, should we contact her hometown Asgard and hold a press conference there…? Because our comrades came from a lot of places, we would be thinking about these things a lot. It was the same for the wedding ceremony, where would we hold it for each one, and I was sure that there would be many opinions from this stage onwards. Even though it was something distant, it was better to prepare it as fast as we could.

"Hahaha…it seems like I really have no choice but to get used to this."

I laughed awkwardly as I scratched my cheek. …Even though it was nothing but hard work, it was full of happiness. I was really grateful that I was adored by a lot of girls. What a blessing indeed.

This one and a half year, I had come close to death several times… no, I did fight in intense battles that would have destroyed my body, but when I thought that I promised my comrades and girlfriends, ‘is it really worth it to die?’ …It’s obvious that living was better. However, the incidents that fell upon me were all nothing but hardships that could’ve killed me!

“Becoming the future Harem King sure is hard work.”

The one who said that from behind was the handsome prince Kiba Yuuto! This guy was Rias’s [Knight] and my best friend. He became my best friend as he survived through death several times along with me. I laughed bitterly as I said in response to my friend’s words.

“Well, I’ll somehow manage it.”

Yes, I had no choice but to manage it.

Compared to battles where I could have died, this kind of thing was nothing. Also, days without battles like these were extremely important to us. If it’s for the happiness of the future, this man, Hyoudou Issei, will stand up to do his best! —And, it was at the moment when I fired myself up. My manager a.k.a Ravel opened her notebook as she said to me.

“And now, Ise-sama, It’s time for our next job. I have matched several requests that got in with our trip to Underworld. Uhm, there will be an interview as the Oppai Dragon from a kids’ magazine within two hours. And after that, you will be shooting for the next commercial—”

…As I became famous, my private life became pretty much nonexistent. Having become a High-class Devil and moved a step closer to achieving my dream of becoming a Harem King, reality just kept overwhelming me—.

Part 2

The next day—.

I was at school. gazing at the sky as I sat on a bench in Kuoh Academy's high school campus grounds.

"Ahh—, I want to taste some oppai…"

I said in a daze.

I had less time to chat with the girls as well as my schedule and things got pretty hectic. The ecchi events were becoming more and more seldom as I had my work as the Oppai Dragon and participated in the Rating Game World Tournament. Shit! I really miss those moments where the Church Trio Asia, Xenovia and Irina would surprise me by doing ecchi things!

… Although I was baffled at first, I now missed the laughter of Asia's and others because things were so sudden.

Ah, Rating Game is the competition for of Devils. It's a competition in which one commands their servants as chess pieces to engage in battle against an opponent's servants, and each of these matches follows a certain set of rules.

Although in the Underworld everyone used this tournament to aim for the top, it was also one of the ambitions for high-class Devils. Participating in the Rating Game actively was also one of Rias' dream.

Currently, there's a tournament happening called the first Rating Game World Tournament [Azazel Cup] that's all mythologies are participating in. I also made my own team and participated in the tournament. Rias entered the tournament with her own team as well. Both my and Rias' teams splendidly managed to be come two of the sixteen teams that make it to the main draw after struggling against various strong enemies.

And as there were those things, I am in a condition where I had to think about [Devil's Job], my job as the [Oppai Dragon], the private marriage press conference, and also special training to prepare for the tournament. On top of that, I also had my usual student life.

… Spending time with Rias had become something rather precious as Rias had her own team and her [Devils' Job]. Damn, even though just until some time ago, I would have been sleeping with Rias and Asia on my bed side by side! Even though I could bury my face into Rias' Oppai and sleep soundly!

…But, there were also times where I wouldn't be able to. And right now, it was one of those times.

So, I had an irresistible desire to taste Rias's oppai.

Rias's oppai… Man, I really missed the sensation of touching those best squishy and smooth oppai…I wanted to grope them with all my fingers as I buried my face into them! Aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaah! I really wanted to touch those oppaiiiiiiii! Can't I just forget everything for a moment while being engulfed by those lovely oppai once in a while?!? Can't you let me do it? It was the moment when I wailed inside my heart.

Thud!

My head was hit from behind. As I turned back — there was a lecherous-looking dude with a bald head and another one wearing glasses standing there. As I recognised them, I complained to them.

“That hurts! What are you doing Matsuda, Motohama!?”

The dude with a bald head, Matsuda, who looked angry, got closer to me.

“Shut up! Damn you! Don’t say such envious things in the dusk!”

This time it was the one who wore glasses, Motohama, who screamed with a face full of hatred.

“That’s right! The you a year and a half ago would have been saying ‘I want to grope oppai’ together with us!”

The angry Matsuda suddenly started to shed tears.

“Yet…you abandoned us to enjoy a nice life…!”

Motohama also put his hand on Matsuda’s shoulder as he said with tears and regret.

“I’m sure that every night he always touches, gropes, gets sandwiched, and has already gotten used to Rias-senpai’s breasts and does it to his heart’s content! We’re talking about this man after all.”

—The two bastards that suddenly appeared before me sobbing were Matsuda and Motohama. They were my dubious friends that I had been hanging out with since a long time ago. Including me, the three of us were infamous in the academy as the perverted trio. We would watch porn and talk about eroge together, you know? We even went as

far as to sneak into a club's room to peek and get some info on girls with good style. However, as a result of telling them that I was dating Rias since autumn this year, every time something happened, they would flame me with 'Die, you riajuu!'[1]. …As until one and a half year ago we would scream 'Die, you riajuu!' to each other, they must think that I was a traitor as I made a girlfriend. …Well, even though one and a half year ago we argued about the same as well. But I guess it couldn't be helped as their memories of that time were erased… Because their responses were the same as that time's, so how should I put it… It's like nostalgic, or complicated…

However, since they kept the fact that Rias and I were dating secret from other students, I could feel that they actually did care about me. Rias who graduated was once an Idol of the academy. If the fact that I, one of the three infamous perverts, was dating with that Rias were known by other students… It's so clear that there would be unprecedented things happening as well as my school life taking a one-eighty turn. As if they understood this, Matsuda and Motohama kept this fact from other students even though they would flare at me at times. …Thank you, Matsuda, Motohama. By the way, I haven't gotten used to it yet, you know. Also, the fact that I and Rias were Devils was a secret for the time being. …If they knew about the existence of supernatural beings, there was a possibility of them getting into a dangerous situation as we did something unnecessary. Even though it felt awkward to hide my real identity until this very day, this was also for Matsuda and Motohama's sake. Matsuda became angrier as he said.

"On top of that, f not only are you dating Rias-senpai, you are also close with Asia-chan, Xenovia-chan, and Irina-chan as well…! Just so you know, Asia-chan clearly still has feelings for you…!"

Matsuda said as if he was squeezing out his voice.

“Even though we also…wanted to get our hands on oppai…!”

I replied while being unsure of how to respond.

“No, well, even though I am going out with Rias, I would say it’s pretty hard to get my hands on those oppai with ease nowadays.”

Matsuda got closer to me as I said that.

“And why is that happening to you!? Is it about your university? Or is it a lovers’ quarrel?”

“W-Well, the former one I guess?”

I answered safely. As I was talking with Matsuda and Motohama, there was suddenly a voice.

“What are the three perverts doing here? Are they discussing their next peeking plan?”

As we turned to the source of the voice, there stood a girl wearing glasses who jokingly laughed.

Kiryuu Aika — she was in the same class as ours and was also Asia’s friend. I was thankful that she taught Asia, Xenovia, and Irina about perverted stuff… No, no, she was a troublesome girl! …This girl knew about our true identities after all. Although it was a coincidence, thanks to that, she became someone who understood Asia and others. Matsuda replied to Kiryuu.

“Shut up, Kiryuu! We are just seeking oppai in real life! Don’t judge us just because we’re unpopular!”

Motohama added.

“That’s right! This is a man’s nature!”

“All right, all right. Well, that’s fine. Matsuda, I’ll be your guest.”

Kiryuu replied to Matsuda and others as she went along with the conversation, her eyes half-closed. Matsuda pointed his finger at himself and slanted his neck.

“What? Be my guest you said?”

Kiryuu then did a thumbs-up to someone behind her. As she did that, a cute girl with braided-hair that we had never seen before showed up. Kiryuu then said.

“This is Hase-san from class D. Hase-san, please come here”

As Kiryuu beckoned, Hase-san timidly walked closer to us. Her face was bright red and she fidgeted about. After looking at us for a moment, she prepared herself and said.

“U-Umm, Matsuda-kun… There is something I would like to ask you. Can we do it there?”

With a shaking hand, she pointed her finger to somewhere private.

“Huh? …F-Fine, though…”

Matsuda responded as if there were a question mark on top of his head.

“Sorry bros, I’ll go for a while.”

He then walked away along with Hase-san.

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… Motohama and I were dumbfounded as it was so sudden… Being curious, I asked Kiryuu.

“Is she, you know, ‘that’?”

Kiryuu nodded with a smile.

“Yes, it’s ‘that’. It seems like our guy Matsuda saved Hase-san when she was being hit-on in the summer holiday. Then, yeah.”

Are you kidding me!? For such things to happen in summer holiday…

That guy, even though he was a pervert, he surprisingly stepped to the front line, huh… Well, that was why I was friends with him I guess. Motohama became pale because of our presumption. Kiryuu then jokingly said.

“Now that Matsuda is OK, all that’s left is you. Perverted glasses-kun.”

Motohama couldn’t respond to Kiryuu’s words—.

“…”

He then placed both of his hands on his head and screamed to the top.

“…L-LIEEEEEEEEEEEE!”

It seemed like now that we had gone to the second semester of our senior year, there were also some developments to my surroundings. …Well, I guess it wouldn’t be weird if there were some changes to our mental state as well in this

semester. My last youth of high school life. It seemed like unexpected things could still happen in a calm manner.

Part 3

As the day turned to dusk and ended, our night activities waited ahead. As we did our [Devil's job] in the night, the members of the Hyoudou Issei peerage gathered at the office near my house to start the business. My job wasn't only handling documents either. As my regular customers were waiting, I pedaled my bike to go to my destination earnestly. Speaking of the summoning of Devils, they appeared from a magic circle. I could also use the magic circle that was placed inside my office to teleport to my client's place. —However, when I was starting out my job under Rias, my magic was so low that I couldn't even teleport. I was an entirely useless Devil. Since that was the case, I had to go to the designated place by my feet. And so, I went to my client's place by frantically pedaling my bike. And to my customers from that time, they knew me as 'I = would go by bicycle', so even though I could teleport now, they still asked me to come to their place by riding a bicycle.

I would grant my regular clients' wish who had been trusting me. Even though now I had become a High-class Devil, I still used my bicycle sometimes. And tonight's regular customer was—. As I arrived at the apartment that I was familiar with, I rang the bell of my client's room. The person who came out as I did that was an ill-looking thin man, Morisawa-san.

"Ah! Ise-kun! I've been waiting for you!"

Morisawa-san warmly welcomed me. Morisawa-san had been sticking with me since I was a novice and doing my job under Rias. Also, he was my first client. And since that time,

we got along with each other and he would call me whenever something happened. Morisawa-san, who let me go inside, excitedly asked me.

“About that matter, it’s progressing, right?”

I nodded.

“Yeah, well, for now, that is. I already discussed it with an expert.”

Morisawa-san became so excited that he jumped as I said that.

“Yes! Now I might be able to get a girlfriend as well! Plus, it’s a foreigner!”

I was asked this by Morisawa-san in my previous summoning.

—*Introduce me to a girl*.

If you’re asking how things got this way… Morisawa-san also summoned other Devils besides me…or rather, you could say that he was a loyal customer of the Gremory side as he summoned my comrades as well. One day, Morisawa-san asked Koneko-chan who was summoned.

[Oh that’s right, Koneko-chan! Please be my girlfriend! Hehe, nevermind, it was just a joke.]

Though it seemed like he was saying it half-jokingly, her reply was—.

[…I can’t do that. I have a boyfriend.]

[…What, are you serious? When did you…?]

[Yes, he’s Ise-senpai.]

And the next day, I was summoned by Morisawa-san and was asked about that information… On another day, he summoned Xenovia as well. Again, Morisawa-san half-jokingly said.

[That’s right, Xenovia-chan. This time’s request is, I want you to go out with me. How is that?]

[Sorry, Morisawa-san. I have a boyfriend. Actually, I’m going out with Ise-kun. We already promised about our future as well. I am his girl.]

As you would expect, the next day he summoned me again to ask about that information… And again, on another day, Rossweisse-san was summoned—.

[Rossweisse-san, you said that, one day, you want to have a boyfriend, right? How is it these days? Ah, how thoughtless of me. Sorry if it feels like sexual harassment to you.]

[…I have a b-b-boyfriend… though…]

Rossweisse-san answered while fidgeting.

[What!? Really!?]

Morisawa-san was shocked as he felt sorry for that beautiful Rossweisse-san not ever having a boyfriend considering her age. Rossweisse-san answered the shocked Morisawa-san as her face turned bright red.

[…He’s Ise-kun.]

Of course, that day, I was summoned and asked about that information as well. And at that time, Morisawa-san drew closer to me.

“If things were to continue like this, Asia-chan would end up being your girlfriend as well, wouldn’t it!?”

“Ah…uhm, t-that’s right. But, having many wives is okay as I am a Devil.”

Morisawa-san started weeping and cobra-twisted me as he yelled.

“You traitoooooor! There must be something wrong! There is no way a perverted brat like you can have those girls as your girlfriends after all! Aren’t you using some kind of demonic hypnosis technique or something that lets you take advantage of their weakness and force them to be your girlfriend!? No, that must be it! You must be doing that! You’re perverted after all!”

“I’M NOT DOING ANY OF THAAAAAAAAAT!”

I declared to Morisawa-san as I forcefully undid his cobra twist.

“Just so you know, I properly proposed to them one by one! And also, I faced off situations where I could have been dead several times! It’s because of those things that my relationship with those girls became good! Even though I’m a Devil, I had to face life-threatening situations as well!”

As I answered that, the stricken Morisawa-san began to talk as if there was something weighing on his mind.

“…Heh, I guess that’s right. After all, you went along with my selfish request, and even us, your clients, can see that

you are working hard doing your Devil’s job. That’s why I was happy when I heard that you became a Mid-class Devil, and was really moved by the fact that you became a High-class Devil and gained independence… But… BUT!”

…Morisawa-san, even though he was weird, he was actually a good person.

Just like he said, he was somoved when I was promoted to a Mid-class Devil that he bought a cake from a famous store for me. Even after I received independence, he still stayed as my client. Even though he looked like a pervert, he was a real gentleman when it came to dealing with girls. Morisawa-san was sunk in grief.

“Ugh… I want to be a Devil… I want to be surrounded by girls…”

I didn’t know how to answer that. Morisawa-san cleared his throat and completely changed as he smiled and said to me.

“—And, well, I’ll stop the grief here. Let’s move to the real talk. —I’ll have you introduce me to a cute girl, Riajuu-kun!”

“A-A cute girl?”

He got closer to me and urged.

“If you have that many girlfriends, it wouldn’t be weird if you know a girl who’s single, right? I don’t mind whether she’s a Devil or an Angel! And as we talked about Youkai and monsters, I am fine even with those girls! I am attracted to girls who aren’t human!”

… And such an exchange of words happened between me and Morisawa-san.

So, I contacted a certain senior who had a relationship with ‘those’ girls with my own connections. Her name was Abe Kiyome-san, Kuoh Academy High School’s OG, as well as a senior who had a pedigree of a family expert in monsters. I had received the list of monster girls that matched Morisawa-san’s request which Abe-senpai had listed out in advance, so I handed it over to Morisawa-san. Morisawa-san’s request was… Well, even though there were some nitpicky things, the points he emphasized were:

- Has superhuman strength so she’s able to princess-carry me.
- If a Yuki-Onna exists, then I’ll go with that.

These two points. …Those two points were utterly outrageous! Damn, it was like finding a needle in a haystack.

For the time being, I warned him ‘Rather than those with superhuman strength, probably the dainty ones are better, you know?’ or ‘You might be having a hard time having a Yuki-Onna as your girlfriend, you know?’. However—.

“No way! If there’s a Yuki-Onna, then I’ll go with a Yuki-Onna! I have always been fascinated by the legends of Yuki-Onna since I was small! She can be my bride, right? That means, as long as I keep quiet about her true identity, I can live with a beauty for the rest of my life! There’s nothing better than that!”

—And, he emphasised on the legend of Yuki-Onna.

“Also, Yuki-Onna’s one of the entries in this list, and her name’s Christie, isn’t it! …Her name sounds like a foreigner even though she was born in Japan. But oh, I’m sure she’s a half! I want to meet her! By all means, I want to speak with

her! An extrovert like you can’t possibly understand a man’s feeling like mine!”

… If you talked to that extent, for now, I guess having you guys try meeting each other wasn’t a bad idea, and so I contacted Abe-senpai. I immediately received an ‘OK’ to summon her. As I told Morisawa-san, he was so happy that he jumped.

“Yesssssssss! Either she will be my girlfriend or not, it will be decided in the future. Well, this is the best! I’ll show you that I’ll make this a thing!”

Morisawa-san was fired up. I immediately placed a sheet with a specific magic circle drawn on it on the floor, and prepared her summoning. The magic circle responded to my magic as we entered the teleportation preparation. A dazzling light was emitted from the magic circle’s pattern. … Beside me, Morisawa-san’s eyes sparkled… The teleportation light became noticeably larger, and then it burst! As the light vanished, a human figure appeared. The summoned Yuki-Onna — roared!

“Uhooooooooooooooooo!”

The one that appeared in the room was — a white-furred gorilla! Yes, the Yuki-Onna that existed in this world — had the appearance of a white-furred gorilla! Who knew that it would be the Yeti itself! The first time I saw this, I cursed the world. See, it was a gorilla. It was the snow gorilla with the specialty of breathing Ice.

“Uhoho.”

As it saw Morisawa-san and me, It greeted us with a gorilla-like cry. Morisawa-san removed his glasses, cleaned its lens for a moment, and wore it once again. No matter how

bad his eyes were, there was no way f that beautiful Yuki-Onna in front of his eyes could turn into a white gorilla!

“Go—”

Morisawa-san roared!

“ISN’T THAT A GORILAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA!?”

I followed him in a flash.

“It’s a Yuki-Onna! This is a Yuki-Onna!”

“It’s a gorilla!”

“She’s Christie! A maiden!”

“It’s a female gorilla, ain’t it!”

“It’s a Yuki-Onna! Your favourite Yuki-Onna who has superhuman strength!”

Morisawa-san gulped as soon as he saw Christie’s sturdy hands. I was sure that rather than his request, he was thinking about his life that was in danger. For God’s sake, I didn’t know if Abe-senpai’s just a bad person or she just simply forgot, as there were no pictures attached on that list! As expected, it was too much of a shock for normal people! No, no, even I, who was a Devil, was quite shocked on my first contact! Morisawa-san’s gaze met with Christie the gorilla’s. As I was troubled by how I should handle this, there was a call on my phone. It seemed like another request just came in. …W-Well, I guess I’ll just leave it here tonight? I sneakingly distanced myself and ran towards the door at once!

“I’ll leave the rest to you guys!”

As I said that, I gallantly ran away from that place! From behind—

“You plotted this huh, you traitorrrrrrrrrrrrrr!”

I could hear Morisawa-san’s wail—.

On a later date, I received a shocking report that they unexpectedly became good friends, but I’ll save that story for later!

I was on my way home pedaling my bicycle as I finished several requests after Morisawa-san’s matter.

“…Finally.”

I took a deep breath as I pedaled. Compared to my newbie era, as expected, everything had become much harder. I had to check for new requests, jobs for my servants, and give orders while I went to my requesters’ places.

Especially the anxiety degree, it wasn’t a joke. My own body no longer existed after all. I had to think about my servants’ future and act as well. Was this what they called the hardships of a High-class Devil? But! Once all of this ended, I’d have some free time! I imagined perverted things.

“Well, I guess tonight I can take it easy after a long time, and if our schedule meets, I might be able to get into the bath with Rias…”

Last year, thanks to the Gremory House, my house was renovated into a six-storey mansion with a three storey basement. And at that time, a large bathing place in which it was too large was made in the basement. Tonight, for sure, I’d be nude with Rias and… I sat on a bath chair as I

splurged myself onto her oppai while being prompted by Rias. Rias then frothed her body towel.

“Now, I’ll wash your back.”

Akeno-san then appeared out of nowhere!

“Ara, ara, I’ll also join you. He’s my husband after all”

Akeno-san also removed her bath towel and they started to argue ‘I’ll wash it!’, ‘No, I will!’ as they swayed their big oppai on my back. Then, Asia, Xenovia and Irina also joined as well!

“I-I’ll wash it as well!”

“That’s right, everyone should do it together!”

“If that’s the case, then I’ll wash darling’s feet!”

Asia was on my right arm, Xenovia was doing my left arm, while Irina went for my feet! Now, Koneko-chan and Kuroka also appeared!

“I’ll go for your stomach.”

“Ufufu ♪, I’ll wash every inch of your body, nyan ♪”

Rossweisse-san went for my hair!

“D-Do you feel itchy somewhere?”

Left, right, front; whether I turned back or even look up, I could see oppai everywhere! There were so many oppai there! It would be great if my manager Ravel was here as well!

“Manager will join the fight!”

I entered the bath along with the girls whom I had sworn my future with! It was at times like these that I felt like I wanted to experience it again! I had such wild thoughts as I made a perverted face and pedaled my bicycle at high speed.

“Gufufufu! Finally, I can relax for a little while after all these busy days!”

It was when I felt I wanted to come back home quickly after I finished my job. As I went past through a park without a single sign of life, I could hear a nice singing voice. Spontaneously, I stopped my bicycle and looked towards the park.

“… A song this late at night?”

Being curious, I parked my bicycle at the front and entered the park. It was a park that I often went by…as well as the place where I got killed for the first time.

“—♪ —♪”

I could still hear the song. As if being drawn in, I walked to the direction where the song came from. I arrived at the front of the water fountain. And there — stood a foreigner girl who had a whimsical aura. She had purple-coloured long hair. There were several pale light purple grains floating around her and they looked like they were dancing along with the beautiful singing voice.

“—♪ —♪”

I wasn’t familiar with that song. However, just by hearing it, I felt healed or as if my heart was warmed. I wondered if she was the same age as me? Wearing a white dress, she had nice purple hair and a great singing voice. Plus, just by

looking at her top dress, I knew that she had big oppai. Nonetheless, I was mesmerised by her. —Suddenly, she stopped singing as if she noticed my presence.

“….Ah.”

The girl was surprised. Man, there was no doubt she was a real beauty! Though her face looked a bit sleepy, the features on her face were as if it’s a painting. I was caught up by her orange eyes. …A pair of orange eyes paired with purple hair… Generally speaking, there was no human in this world that had that hair colour and eyes unless they wore contact lenses. The grains that floated around her were also a proof that she had a special power— a superpower.

The town where I lived, Kuoh Town, was a consecrated ground where supernatural beings other than those who had a connection with us couldn’t easily enter. It was equipped with a powerful barrier. And yet, fora non-human girl to be here in this park, that meant… I walked closer to her as I laughed and exhaled.

“Ah, um, sorry. …I didn’t mean to interrupt you, but I heard a nice singing voice in this late night, so yeah.”

She turned her head suspiciously as she said.

“… Are you…the Red…Dragon?”

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… I was surprised. It seemed like she knew about me. There was one of the legendary Two Heavenly Dragons residing inside me after all. Although I needlessly became alerted…I couldn’t sense any hostility coming from this sleepy-looking girl.

“…You know about me—.”

It was at the moment where I stopped talking. I could sense a killing intent throughout my whole body. The one who held the killing intent wasn’t the girl in front of me. I then looked towards the source of the killing intent. It came from the shadows of the trees in the park. It wasn’t only one or two either. I could feel quite the amount of bloodlusts.

As they felt my presence, several suspicious figures started to appear from their hiding places in groups. …The beings who took shape of a human surrounded me and the girl near the water fountain. Though their appearance was that of a human, the power, the aura that clad their body, wasn’t. Judging from the character of those auras, they might be…Devils? No, there were no Devils other than us…. Their number was about ten and they were all men… No, around two of them were female Devils. …For God’s sake, why was everybody doing the evil laugh? The problem was the density of their auras. …They weren’t mere Mid-class Devils. Don’t tell me that they were all High-class Devils and managed to get into this town? One of them stepped forward and asked us daringly.

“You are…Devils, right? I felt a Dragon’s aura as well… No, your Dragon aura is more dominant.”

After I exhaled once, I spoke to the purple-haired girl.

“Stand behind me. Don’t worry, I am used to these kinds of things you know”

First, I’ll protect the girls! Because it’s my motto. Once again, I asked a question to the mysterious Devils.

“… You aren’t from here, right?”

They grinned in response to my questions.

“Yes, we aren’t from here.”

I quickly confirmed their number. Guessing by their aura, it looked like there wasn’t anyone still hiding. Everyone had come out in front of me. That’s a good one.

“…Thirteen people, huh? From the quality of your aura, you are Devils. But it doesn’t look like you are from the Old Maou Faction either…”

One of the mysterious Devils answered my question.

“You too, I presume you are a High-class Devil judging by that aura of yours.”

…

I realised something in response to their words. Even though they were Devils, they didn’t know about me… I didn’t mean to brag, but thanks to [Chichiryutei Oppai Dragon], I was pretty well known in the Underworld. But if they were the Devils who lived in the remote region of the Underworld and refused to be in contact with the outside world, it wouldn’t be weird if they didn’t know me. However, whenever something came up in the Underworld or other mythologies, I and my comrades would always appear on TV, radios, etc. It was weird if they hadn’t read or heard a single thing about us. Putting that aside, I had to do something if I didn’t want to be killed since now they held a hostility towards us.

“Anyway, I can’t let you do as you please now that you are holding such animosity. I’m sorry but I’ll have to cap—”

The moment they prepared their stance, one of the mysterious Devils suddenly flew out and fired a cluster of auras from his hand!

“Dieeeeee!”

I covered the girl on my back and instantly jumped back from that place. The cluster of aura that the mysterious Devil fired

cut through

the sky and created a big explosion on the ground! Shit! If the sound’s too big, it might not only be a bother to the people nearby, but they might get curious and come to look what’s happening as well!

“So you’re going with a surprise attack, huh! If that’s what you want, I won’t hold back!”

I made a deep red gauntlet appear on my left hand. The [Boosted Gear]. It was a Sacred Gear, one of the most extreme superpowers that dwelled inside a human body rarely. It was exactly because I was reborn from a human to a Devil that I had this gauntlet. As my gauntlet appeared, the mysterious Devils came to attack me all at once! While I slipped through their attacks and tried to do a counter-attack at times, I chanted the powerful spell!

“—I, who is about to awaken, am the Sekiryuutei who holds the truth of the king up high!”

At the same time, a tremendous red…crimson aura covered my whole body!

“

Holding the infinite hopes and unbreakable dreams and walking the path of righteousness! I will become an Emperor of Crimson Dragon—”

And then, I finished the last part of the incantation!

[And I will lead you to the Path of Heaven, glowing in deep crimson light!]

[Cardinal Crimson Full Drive!!!!]

The jewel’s sound echoed! The dazzling aura instantly burst. After the glow calmed down, what clad my body was a crimson plate armor. —Cardinal Crimson Promotion. It was my battle form! A Sacred Gear was something that could heighten up the power and cause a dramatic change to occur onto the user’s body and mind, breaking into a whole new territory. That was, the Balance Breaker. The Balance Breaker of the [Boosted Gear] that I owned was this crimson armour. …Well, the original [Boosted Gear]’s Balance Breaker was a form before this one, but after a lot of things happened, I obtained this strengthened form of my crimson armour.

To be honest, I was grateful that the current incantation had been simplified, and although this might just be a sentimental thing, there were times where I wouldn’t get psyched up if I didn’t chant it. So whenever there was an opportunity, I would do the chant. As they felt my aura rose like crazy, they raised their alertness and completely changed their mocking faces into serious ones.

—I spontaneously closed my distance and sent out a barrage of punches to one of the Devils who let his guard down. Yet, the enemy seemed like he wasn’t able to respond as I easily destroyed down the enemy’s guard and sent the

enemy flying back far away. After I defeated one of them, I looked at the group of mysterious Devils.

“I’ll defeat you guys like this.”

The Devils trembled in fear. One of them then spoke with an alarmed voice.

“Just with one punch!? Impossible! Even though we wouldn’t fall behind a High-class Devil!”

“—Ultimate-class Devil, huh. You don’t look like one though.”

There was a system to rank a Devil’s power… Low-class Devil, Middle-class Devil, High-class devil, Ultimate-class Devil, Maou-class Devil, and Transcendental-level… I wonder what was my current power level? The Devil government assessed me as a High-class Devil level though. The Dragon who resided inside me, the Red Dragon Emperor Ddraig, laughed as he said.

[Kukuku, it has been a while since you were looked down upon, partner. They think you are at most a High-class devil or an Ultimate-class one.]

Well, I wouldn’t blame them as I usually looked just like a normal high schooler.

By the way, Ddraig, how strong do you think I am now?

[With that condition, I would say that you can give a Maou-class a good fight. But, if you use ‘that’ form, you can even fight a Transcendental-class. I am sure that these guys didn’t think that they would meet a Devil of this class.]

Well, whichever it was, anyone who came at me with evil intention, I would beat them up even if they were Maou-class or Transcendental-class. The mysterious group of Devils intensified their bloodlust and came at me. This time, it was a simultaneous attack. I lashed out my punches and kicks with certainty while dodging their attacks at the same time.

“You are wide open!”

“Die!”

Oops, because there were female Devils who came at me, I’ll use the Devil power that I only use when I’m in a pinch. I endowed my hand with magic and calculated the timing to release my skill. As I dodged the female Devils’ attack, I touched them. I released the magic without a moment’s pause, along with me snapping my finger.

“Dress Break!”

At the same time after I spouted the skill name, the girls’ clothings were stripped off! Their completely naked body was surely a feast for my eye! This was one of my skills as a Devil, [Dress Break]!

It was a skill that was sublimated from my perverted mind that allowed me to strip off the clothing of any women, turning them completely nude. It could also strip magic barriers as well as curses or the kind that was applied to a female’s body. To put it simply, it was a skill that was capable of destroying anything that was worn by a female, be it clothing or magic. I could have stripped them off from a distance If I wanted to, but…I was sure it wasn’t needed this time. Normal girls would have stopped to attack because they would be embarrassed if their clothes were stripped. However—.

“This guy!”

“Ha!”

The girls continued to attack without faltering! It was as if they didn’t mind being naked! Ooh, are you kidding me!? Did this mean that they held a will so strong that they were able to move? While being surprised by the female Devils’ action, I caught sight of a certain male Devil that raised his magic explosively and was about to fire it onto me.

“This is the end!”

As he said that, he unleashed his super big magic bombardment unto me. I couldn’t afford to dodge either! An attack of that scale would damage not only this park! I purposely took the enemy’s attack head on! The moment it hit me, a big exploding sound echoed as the shock spread out! The surrounding was then filled with a cloud of dust. The male Devil laughed loudly as his attack hit me.

“Hahaha, how’s that!? With this one move, even a High-class Devil—”

The enemy was probably at a loss for words looking at my unharmed state as the cloud of dust went away. I took his attack head-on, but by increasing the aura on my body, I completely guarded his attack. Well, an attack of this level, I could still guard myself against it even without using one of [Boosted Gear]’s abilities [Boost], to increase my defense. But this result looked like quite a shock for the Devils’ group —.

“…You’re lying.”

The guys that so bravely came at me just now made a complete turnaround as they trembled in fear. The guy that

fired that magic bombardment, his aura and atmosphere certainly did look like the strongest one in that group. He must be the strongest one there. He must've realised just how much of a power difference we had between us as his attack dealt no damage unto me. I said to the mysterious Devil group.

"My bad. If you want to defeat me, please bring a God with you. After all, the evil God would just be on the back as well. But, well, letting you guys get away would be a waste, so I'll defeat you guys altogether!"

I vigorously gushed out magic from my back using boost and flew out with high speed! I blew the guys whose fighting will had blunted away one after another with my punches, kicks, and magic bullets — Dragon Shot.

These guys were strong. They had numbers as well. A normal Devil would be helpless against them. But, during this one year and a half, I surpassed days of hellish fights, experienced near-death situations several times, and separated from my teacher and precious people that I was indebted to in order to obtain this power. I was not letting my guard down. And I was not going to let them get away either. I defeated all the enemies within several minutes. The group of mysterious Devils was lying on the ground near the water fountain as they lost consciousness because of the damage. I had to contact Rias and the others right away to capture these guys, and then repair this park.

—Oh, that's right. I checked on the girl with purple hair. I had a concern to fight while not letting the enemy's attack reach this girl's place, but… The girl was fine…or so I thought, but it turned out that there were some drops of blood on her clothes! D-Did I hurt her!? Did the flow of my magic bullet hit!? No, if that's the case, she should have

suffered a harsher injury. Walking closer and looking at it carefully, it seemed like it was the blood of the mysterious Devils. The blood that was scattered tainted her pure white dress here and there, but the worst thing was that the blood got onto her cheeks as well! Her pretty face was now spoiled! When I tried to take out my handkerchief from my breast pocket…I remembered that I was still wearing my armor and couldn't immediately take it out.

"Sorry! The blood got onto your face…"

First, I apologised. However, the girl didn't show any emotions as she simply wiped the blood on her cheeks. … She wasn't confused even though she was assaulted by a supernatural being called Devil and saw me wearing a crimson armour. And because of that, I completely understood that this girl… she was not a normal human. The purple-haired girl then placed her bloodied hands in front of her orange eyes. As she opened her mouth gently, she murmured.

"… Beautiful… It's even redder than raspberry, the crimson color…"

And then, while looking at my armor, she continued.

"—Your armor, it's the same color as this."

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…That expression was surely familiar to me. Around one and a half year ago, I was killed by a Fallen Angel in this park and was covered in blood. The one who appeared there was the beautiful crimson-haired Rias—. At that time, I felt like the blood that covered my hands was the same as Rias's crimson hair. I released my armor and handed her my handkerchief as I reached out my breast pocket.

“Wipe it with that. It’s bad for a girl to have blood on her cheeks right?”

That’s what I said while handing her the handkerchief. However…

“…?”

She just suspiciously took the handkerchief. …This girl sure gave some strange response.

I looked away from her for a moment and quickly contacted Rias and the others about us being assaulted by mysterious Devils in the park, and that I was currently protecting a mysterious girl.

[I understand the situation. I will go there soon.]

As I received such a reply, I hung my phone up.

“I already contacted my friends, but who are—”

It was the moment I looked at the girl’s side. —There wasn’t anyone there. …I didn’t feel her presence leave, but… What’s all this about? I looked around my surroundings but couldn’t find the purple-haired girl. Even her presence was gone now. It was as if I was imagining things or came across a ghost… Ddraig who resided in me said.

[…That girl, even though I can say that she’s not human, she has the aura of a human you know, partner.]

This was my first encounter with the purple-haired girl. It was the second semester of my senior year—. There were still so many things taking place right here unbeknownst to us.

TL Notes:

1 Riajuu: Popular guys/girls

Life.2 It’s Difficult Being a High-class Devil Who Dreams of Becoming a Harem King

Part 1

After meeting up with Rias and the others at the park, we transported the mysterious group of Devils to an association of experts in the Underworld via a magic circle, and then returned to the Hyoudou residence. We also reported the current situation to the Underworld’s government through the House of Gremory as well. My comrades, as well as the Gremory peerage, gathered in the living room on the first floor of the Hyoudou residence. We often used this living room for discussion as it became pretty spacious when the Hyoudou residence was reconstructed into a nine-storey building. Rias looked at everyone as she said.

“About the Devils that attacked Ise…as expected, they’re the [Unknown Devils]. Such was the report I received from Ajuka-sama’s servant.”

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I see, so they had even come to this town…! Everyone turned grim in response to those words. I said.

“If I’m not mistaken, it was the incident where the Devils with completely unknown origins started appearing everywhere in the Underworld, right?”

Indeed, currently, the unidentified Devils had been appearing in the Underworld and causing trouble everywhere. It became something that even the Underworld was unable to ignore. Even after they were caught, we still had no idea who those guys were. Unlike in the past, ordinary Devils in the Underworld now had an ID created for them. For the nobles — in the Underworld where a strong class society still existed, it was important for them to have something to prove their own identity. Nonetheless, nobody from the [Unknown Devils] that had been caught disturbing the Underworld tried to show any proof of their status or identity. It's really easy to think that the old Devils and their grandchildren that had been living in the outskirts of the Underworld suddenly decided to revolt against the current government. The group of mysterious Devils that attacked me were these [Unknown Devils]. Rossweisse-san said as she pondered.

"They have been appearing in the territory of other mythologies too, and now they're at Kuoh Town…"

…This situation, it's certainly not something delightful. To think that the incident in the Underworld is also happening to the human world, and of all places, it was in the city that we live… Xenovia took a lamented breath.

"Even though the barrier here is quite durable, for not only the Grim Reapers, but also the mysterious Devils to pass through it…"

The 'Grim Reapers' Xenovia was talking about were exactly like the legends, those who hunted living souls. Under the lower layers of the Underworld where Devils and Fallen Angels lived, there was a certain territory called the Netherworld, which was ruled by one of the three pillar Gods of Greek Mythology, Hades. It was the place where they

screened dead souls. I heard that it’s an uninhabitable place because of the harsh environment. And those who worked for the leader of the Netherworld, Hades, were called the Grim Reapers. We had a bad relationship with them as there had been times when we fought. It was because Hades had an objection with the idea of every mythology making peace with each other. And so, the Grim Reapers snuck into Kuoh town and attacked us a few days ago. I didn’t know how they managed to pass through the barriers, but…it surely was a threat. Ravel said.

“To begin with, the barrier was something that researchers from every mythology had thought of…”

Rossweisse continued.

“I also took part in that project as well, and…I can confidently say that it’s not something that a normal Devil could break.”

Ever since Rossweisse-san joined us as a comrade, she had been conducting research on defense and barrier-related magic, and she had become quite skilled in the area. Ah, demonic power and magic were two different things. Demonic power was a superpower that Devils possessed since their birth. The analysis of a Devil’s demonic power and the miracles created by God to recreate them through their own theory and formula was called magic. One could also say that it was a technique of creating a supernatural phenomenon. Starting from Rossweisse-san, there were also many of my comrades who were learning magic. As the topic of Grim Reapers was out, Rias said.

“If the one backing those [Unknown Devils] is a God-class being, then it wouldn’t be weird for them to be able to break through the barrier.”

If they were able to pass through the strong barrier, that meant they had to be at least a God-class being. In other words, it was possible that a God was related to this case. I agreed with Rias's opinion.

"I mean, that should be the case. The Netherworld…I am sure the rulers of Hell must be involved."

Frankly, at present, the rulers and Gods who reigned over the [Hell] of all mythologies had formed a cross-mythological alliance. And because of that, our speculation was…they would somehow hinder us in the Rating Game World Tournament, though we weren't sure how. Starting from Rias, and including me, the old and new members of Kuoh Academy's Occult Research Club belonged to an anti-terrorist organisation called [DxD]. And included in this association were:

- The Sitri peerage, led by Sona Sitri-senpai.
- The Great King Bael peerage of Sairaorg-san.
- The next head of the Duke of Agares peerage of Seekvaira-san.
- The team of my rival, one of the Two Heavenly Dragons, Vanishing Dragon White Dragon Emperor Vali Lucifer.
- The Fallen Angels' organisation Grigori's agent corps, the [Slash Dog] Team.
- The Two Heavenly Dragons, Red Dragon Emperor Ddraig and White Dragon Emperor Albion
- The Five Great Dragon Kings [Gigantis Dragon] Fafnir, [Mischievous Dragon] Wu Long, [Prison Dragon] Vritra

- The Great Victorious Fighting Buddha from the First Generation of the Journey to the West team (First Generation Sun Wukong)

—And, those were the members assembled. On top of that, the members had been reinforced as the Cleaners of the Altars (First generation Zhu Bajie), as well as the Golden-bodied Arhat (First generation Sha Wujing) from the first generation of Journey to the West team joined. Although the first generation Zhu Bajie and Sha Wujing had retired, they probably regained their sense of youth due to the acts of terror toward every mythology, and also because they had been able to rampage in the World Tournament. And so, they had returned to the frontlines of battle along with the first generation Sun Wukong-jiisan. The members of the new Hero Faction that Cao Cao led were also added as supporting members. Known for having a history of rampaging, as well as capturing the public's attention, they were no more than supporting members. Nonetheless, I was sure they would make a move if there was any major battle.

And so, the members of the anti-terrorist Team [DxD] were insecure about the rulers of Hell in a way. If it were Azazel-sensei he would say something like, 'I guess you could say that we have our own view, while they also have theirs as well'. The thoughts of supernatural beings such as Gods were beyond my imagination as I was just an ex-human who was reincarnated as a Devil after all. It's only natural that there are things I didn't understand, you know. Now, about the possibility of the rulers of Hell using those mysterious Devils…although it was no more than mere speculation…it seemed like the others were convinced as Irina asked Rias.

"Are we also not allowed to investigate the real identity of the unknown Devils? Like, maybe we can ask the person in charge of the other mythology's Netherworld?"

Rias shook her head.

“Currently, no one knows anything about the incident. Even if we talk about the unknown Devils, it seems like we will only get unnecessary information as even our boss knows nothing about this case.”

I nodded in response to Rias’s words.

“Yeah, the guys that ganged up on me looked like they had no idea about who I am as well.”

Those guys were probably sent in knowing nothing. If that’s true, then more questions might arise. If Hades and the others did use and send them, where did he scout them from? Where had the Devils who had no idea about Oppai Dragon been this whole time?

“Normally, it’s impossible. Ise-sama as the Oppai Dragon is well known throughout every mythology, so for them to not know you, they must have been living in an isolated area.”

Akeno-san put her hand on her cheek as she tilted her head.

“Additionally, they appeared right in the middle of the Rating Game World Tournament that all mythologies are participating in. The tournament is also moving onto the main stage, so we should at least had heard of them before if they are Devils.”

Angrily, Xenovia bravely said.

“If we know the mastermind behind all of this, we’ll attack them first!”

Rias crossed her arms and sighed.

“If it could end that way, we’d attack together with [DxD]. But it would also be a good thing if the enemies are just mere terrorists.”

Rias then continued.

“—There is a reason why Gods cause phenomena and events in the human realm. That’s why we can’t afford to destroy them easily… This series of cases, even if Hades is the one who’s behind all of this, attacking him would cause us a lot of trouble as he’s the one who rules over the place which controls the souls in the Netherworld.”

As Rias said, we couldn’t destroy the Gods easily. Previously, when the evil Norse God Loki came to attack us, we couldn’t destroy him as well, so it ended with his capture. …Although, one of the factors was that our power at that time wasn’t enough to destroy him. There were also cases where a God could be revived after being defeated if the humans had faith in them. After eating a cookie, Koneko-chan said to me.

“…It’s probably best if we seal that skeleton God.”

Koneko-chan was also learning sealing techniques, and there was even a time where she completely sealed an Evil Dragon in the fight against them.

“Y-You are extreme, Koneko-chan…”

The Gremory group’s half-Vampire boy who looked like a girl smiled wryly. Ravel nodded in response to Koneko-chan’s opinion.

“I’ve also heard of such ideas as well. On top of that, these ideas are gaining support day by day. If push comes to shove, then I’ll also have to agree with Shirone’s view.”

The moment we defeated a ruler of Hell, we would seal them away. Well, we could rest easy if we have our allied Gods watch over the sealed Gods. Currently, that was our best option if a battle ever broke out. Kiba then came back to the topic.

“Now, as expected, we are all interested in the origin of the unknown Devils. The outskirts of the Underworld…is that place truly isolated just like Ravel said?”

Rias said as she took a sip from her cup of black tea.

“I haven’t heard any details regarding that from Ajuka-sama. …But the real identity of the unknown Devils that showed up everywhere…”

Everyone went ‘Hmm…’ as they made a troubled face. The sturdy old man who was enjoying his cup of black tea let out a sound from the corner of the room

“Hm.”

[Your Eminence.]

Everyone, including me, turned to hear his opinion. That man was His Eminence Vasco Strada. Although he was eighty-seven years old, his sturdy body was that of a young man. Having thick muscles and a wrinkled face, this fierce man was respected by Asia, Xenovia, Irina, Kiba and everyone from the Catholic church. He was originally a cardinal priest, but upon realizing the importance of a system to nurture the warriors, he became the church’s leader on guiding warriors. Being the previous owner of the Holy Sword that Xenovia wielded, Durandal, this legendary warrior was known as a pure-hearted human while also being super strong. We’re also indebted to this man as he took care of us as well. Especially Asia and others who were

from the Catholic church, they deeply trusted him. Currently, he was living in this town as he was participating as a member of Rias's team in the Rating Game World tournament. He would occasionally join our discussions and give us useful pieces of advice. Everyone paid attention to His Eminence's words as well this time. His Eminence Strada began to talk as he raised three fingers.

"There are only three possible ways as to how the unknown Devils came about. The first is, having been reincarnated using the Evil Piece System. However, I've heard that they show no signs of being Reincarnated Devils."

His Eminence Strada put one of his fingers down.

"The second is cloning technology. There is certainly a possibility that the technology of the Grigori or the Devils has been leaked and used by the rulers of Hell. And if that is the case, those Devils must have the same genes as ones that have previously been identified. However, I've heard that they aren't identical. And that leads to—"

His Eminence put another finger down as he said this.

"—The Devils' mother, Lilith."

The pure-blooded Devils Rias and Ravel were completely shocked by His Eminence's words.

"…T-That is…!"

As Rias showed that she wanted to say 'That's Impossible', His Eminence continued.

"The being that is said to have given birth to all the first generations of the noble families. If there was someone who

could create the unknown Devils from scratch, then that being has to be Lilith. …However, this is merely the opinion of an old man. I still remember the incident caused by Rizevim Livan Lucifer like it was yesterday. And I've heard that he was particularly obsessed with his mother, Lilith."

Although Rias and Ravel were bewildered, a part of them seemed in agreement as they pondered on it. After thinking for a while, Rias said.

"…Does that mean Hades has found Lilith-sama…? However, according to the legend, Lilith-sama had been destroyed…"

His Eminence Strada also said this.

"Hey, princess. History is something that can be altered drastically. We believers have also done that as well. Even in the world of Devils, the ancient documents are also vanishing, right? One of the examples is the city of Agreas. Its legend is still incomplete after all."

Everyone became silent in response to His Eminence's words. …I didn't know much about the mother of Devils, Lilith. Although I knew a different person who bore the same name, and that person was living in this house… But strangely, she was also somehow connected to Rizevim in the past…

Rizevim Livan Lucifer was the son of the first generation Maou Lucifer, and also the worst shitty guy who was the boss of a terrorist group. He was also the grandfather of my rival, Vali. Having summoned the atrocious Evil Dragons of legend, and the evilest being, the [Beast of the Apocalypse] Trihexa, he caused catastrophic damage to every mythology's territory. We managed to defeat him and the Evil Dragons, but we had to suffer heavy damage.

However…as we couldn’t completely defeat Trihexa, we created a special isolation barrier field in another dimension and sent a subjugation force to fight against Trihexa. The subjugation force that consisted of strong and famous beings from every mythology was still fighting even now as the long battle continued. Among that subjugation force, there were lots of people to whom I was indebted as well. The mother of Rizevim, the wife of the first generation Lucifer, was the Devils’ mother, Lilith. … That Lilith currently existed, was found by the rulers of Hell and they created the mysterious Devils…? His Eminence Strada laughed lightly as he saw our troubled faces.

“…However, this is just the imagination of an old man. Maou Ajuka Beelzebub and the old Devils have also taken this into consideration as one of the possibilities…”

We could relate in a way to His Eminence’s words. As we didn’t have any answers of our own, we discussed a plan on how to deal with them in a future encounter. Towards the end, we also had a discussion about the purple-haired girl that I met. I had Rias, Ravel and my comrades use their own information networks to find out about that girl…but just who in the world was she? She was more mysterious than the unknown Devils in a way. Our meeting that day ended with that discussion.

No matter who these unknown Devils were, even if they were controlled by someone, if they intended to hurt my comrades, family, or anyone living in this town — I just had to defeat them. That’s what I decided, a simple and easily understandable decision…

—After the discussion ended, I went to bathe, and all that was left was to sleep for that day. Thanks to how my house had become a mansion, my room was now super spacious

and a canopy bed was added as well. Just until some time ago, I would lie on the bed with Rias and Asia at my sides… However, it seemed like they added another giant bed.

The reason was—.

“Today, I’ll sleep beside Ise for sure!”

“No, I am the one who’s gonna sleep beside darling!”

“You’re going to fall if you sleep beside Ise you know!”

“It’s gonna be okay as long as it’s not lecherous!”

“There’s no way Irina the perverted Angel wouldn’t do something like that!”

“You are the perverted Knight!”

“I’m cool with that!”

“C-Cool, you said…?”

The two people arguing on the bed were Irina and Xenovia. As the situation regarding sleeping arrangements had changed, lately, five people sleeping side by side together had now become the mainstream thing compared to how it used to be three. Usually, it would just be me, Rias, Asia, and depending on the day, Akeno-san, Xenovia and Irina would also join us. Also, Koneko-chan and her sibling Kuroka, as well as Ravel and Rossweisse-san. That meant the number people who would be sleeping with me certainly increased. And as it looked like sleeping next to me was an important thing, they would often compete for it. Although we had decided the order of the girls that would sleep with me…they would not follow that, and as a result, there were times where I had to sleep with unexpected people. But, I

was very grateful! As someone who’s lecherous, this was like a dream come true…

“Ununu.”

“Mumumu.

Irina and Xenovia glared at each other. By the way, both these girls looked like they took it too far as they only wore a single piece of underwear. I could see those voluptuous breasts you know! Their boobs would sway every time they argued! What a feast for my eyes! I often couldn’t get any sleep as well as they kept having fights like these before we slept! Ah, but I was happy that I got to sleep with Rias after a while!

“P-Please calm down, Xenovia-san, Irina-san.”

Asia came in to separate them.

“Good grief, there’s no other way, huh. If that’s the case, can’t you both just sleep beside Ise?”

Rias gave such a suggestion in a ‘good grief’ way. Rias, who managed the girls, always finished things calmly like this, although there were also exceptions—. All of a sudden, I could feel something soft touching me on my back!

“Ufufu, there’s also another way, and that is sleeping on top of my husband.”

Akeno-san said such bold things to me! I can feel them on my back perfectlyyy! Aaaaaah, the feeling of Akeno-san’s oppai softness on my backkkk! Rias suddenly looked dissatisfied as she saw Akeno-san’s appearance.

“Akeno! Your turn isn’t supposed to be tonight!”

As Rias said that, Akeno-san said with complete ignorance.

“I’ve run out of my beloved Ise-kun’s love. If I don’t replenish it by tonight, I won’t be able to live tomorrow.”

Akeno-san tightly wrapped her hands around me, a clear display that she wouldn’t let go of me! Rias then cutely puffed her cheeks out and came closer to Akeno-san!

“You can’t do that! I also want to sleep with Ise every night!”

“Why don’t we just sleep with Ise on the same bed? I have to have an order for sleeping you know… And sleeping by myself really makes me feel lonely at night… Hey, my husband? You want to touch my breasts every night, don’t you?”

Who wouldn’t feel like their mind would melt if such words were whispered to them with a spoilt tone? While Rias and Akeno-san were battling it out, she appeared!

“Ise! I came to sleep, nyan!”

The one who opened the door forcefully and appeared was a beautiful black-haired woman with cat ears and two tails! She was Kuroka the nekomata! She was the real sister of Koneko-chan, as well as one of my future brides. Although she had a daring personality, she also had a dynamite body. And tonight as well, she barged into the women’s quarrel that was still going strong! She jumped onto the bed and flew into my chest! Her plump breasts covered my face! I could feel her supreme and soft breasts on my face!

“Yes! This is it, this is it! There’s nothing better than being healed by hugging down Ise after taking care of things.”

Koneko-chan also appeared as if she wanted to pacify her sister's actions.

"…Kuroka-oneesama, you have to follow the orders that Rias-oneesama made. I am also holding back, you know?"

Koneko-chan tried to pull Kuroka away. Somehow, I felt like the girls kept gathering rapidly… And, when I thought about such things, Rossweisse-san who was wearing pyjamas peeked in from the door's side.

"…I-I also want to sleep with Ise-kun, but…tonight is not my turn, but…everyone's being audacious, but…I'm not able to do such things…but, but!"

It felt like she was fighting with her own temptation. Rossweisse-san might have been bewildered after seeing the number of people on my bed as she was a late bloomer, so she wasn't the type to take initiative. From the opened door, Ravel also showed up. She must've rushed here after hearing all the noises.

"Please! Everyone, calm down! We all have to follow the order and rules that were decided by Rias-sama who's at the top of the ranking! Everyone also wants to sleep with Ise-sama! E-Even me too…!"

Ravel also walked closer to the bed after trying to stop everyone. There were ten people on the bed, including me, Rias, Asia, Akeno-san, Koneko-chan, Kuroka, Xenovia, Irina, Rossweisse-san and Ravel… By the way, this new bed's pretty amazing as it held up ten people easily! And Asia finally also exploded in this situation! She stripped off her pyjamas and dived toward me!

"The spot next to Ise is mine!"

I smiled wryly as I caught Asia when she leapt at me. Rias let out a sigh as she said ‘Well then, let’s just sleep together…’. With that compromise, we all ended up sleeping together that night. …By the way, situations like tonight weren’t the first time this had happened. I mean, Rias must have added this new bed because she foresaw this situation. I felt really grateful for these kinds of peaceful situations, even though I do feel uneasy because of the incident with the Unknown Devils. While I prayed so that Xenovia’s bad sleeping habits wouldn’t turn towards me, I fell asleep with everyone—.

Part 2

We continued our Devil’s Job despite our wariness due to the Unknown Devils that had appeared in Kuoh Town and the worsening situation. On that day, I went to one of my regular customers’ house, but it wasn’t Morisawa-san. I pedalled my bike and arrived at a mansion that was pretty far from Kuoh Academy. I stood before the door and pressed the bell. As I did that, there was a response which came from the intercom.

“It’s open, nyo. Please come in, nyo.”

It’s the usual answer. I opened the door and stepped into the entranceway. The one who was waiting there was — a muscular man. However, he wasn’t just your usual man who had a nice body. He was wearing the costume that was worn by a magical girl from [Mahou Shoujo Milky Trial 8 Celestial Stars]!

“Welcome, nyo~. Devil-san, I’ve been waiting for you, nyo!”

A muscular man who’s cosplaying — no, a reverse trap! In other words, it was a maiden in a man’s body. This person

was the pervert among my regular customers…someone who liked magical girls! Even though he looked like that, his eyes were genuine and brimming with purity! What's with the [Nyo] at the end of each sentence, you ask? It didn't really matter, did it? His appearance was way scarier, so it's not a big deal.

The name's Mil-tan. I didn't know anything else, and I didn't want to know either. I felt it shouldn't be known. Mil-tan had been my regular customer ever since I started my Devil's Job. It's about the same time as Morisawa-san when I met him. Even though they both had some kind of weird fetish, it seemed the customers who called me out had that tendency. I guess it was because I was a pervert as well.

However, I remembered someone who was one of the people I was indebted to whenever I looked at this magical girl outfit. That person also liked this series, huh. I heard that she had asked one of her relatives to record the new series [Mahou Shoujo Milky Trial 8 Celestial Stars], and I was sure that she was looking forward to it once she returned. I asked Mil-tan.

"Hey, Mil-tan. What's the request today?"

By the way, Mil-tan's requests had quite the interval. We did get called at fixed intervals in a certain time, however, ever since we entered this year's summer, we rarely got any requests anymore. While waving the 'toy' magical girl wand around, he said to me.

"Devil-san. I want you to look at Mil-tan's magic!"

"Okay, okay. Magic, huh?"

Well, what he meant by 'magic' had to be his physical strength. It's been a year since I met him, so I knew about

that kind of thing. What did he plan to do with the violence that's released from those thick arms? Fine then! Be it chair, desk, show me that you could break it into pieces! Your muscles wouldn't betray you after all! Mil-tan waved his wand even more, and suddenly spun around. Please stop spinning with that body. It made me think that you were going to kick at some point while spinning, you know. There were many of my acquaintances who were great at those kinds of attacks, so I would guard myself if I remembered them, you know.

"Milky Spiraaaall Executiooooon!"

It was the moment Mil-tan said that. What!? A magic circle developed at the end of the wand, and shards of ice spurted from that magic circle!

"—!?"

I had no choice but to be surprised by this result! It's so sudden! Mil-tan's link to real magic was dista— well, not distant, but he was not supposed to be able to use magic! But, I was sure that what I saw just now was a magic circle! Ice shards flew out from that magic circle! Being terribly confused, I heard an unexpected voice.

"Fufufu, that's right. Mil-tan just turned into a Magician."

When I turned to the source of the voice, there was a girl wearing glasses in the room, Kiryuu! My classmate Kiryuu! Why was she here!?

"Kiryuu!? Why are you here!?"

Mil-tan spoke as if he had expected Kiryuu.

"She's Mil-tan's older sister apprentice."

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…Wha-, o-older sister, apprentice? I didn’t really get what was going on, but…I screamed loudly in surprise.

“Older sister apprentice? S-Sorry, Kiryuu…I don’t understand what’s happening…”

Of course it’s hard to get, don’t you think? Mil-tan used magic, and Kiryuu was here! Furthermore, he said she was his older sister apprentice! Kiryuu stuck her hand out as she laughed mischievously

“To put it simply…it means this.”

As she did that, a magic circle appeared from her hand!

“—. T-This, isn’t this magic!? Kiryuu, you!?”

Kiryuu amusingly laughed as I became even more shocked.

“Nihihi. Yes, you see, Mil-tan and I are currently learning magic.”

Learning magiiiiiiiiic!? K-Kiryuu was? T-That’s, even though this girl was one of our few classmates who knew about our real identities… To think that she was starting to learn magic! I didn’t even imagine that!

“Who are you learning from!? Is it Rossweisse-san?”

As I said that, Kiryuu shook her head sideways.

“Nope, Rossweisse-chan didn’t take me as her apprentice.”

“W-Well, is it Le Fay?”

If the master’s not Rossweisse-san, then it’s either Le Fay or Kuroka, as they were her only acquaintances who could use magic. However, Kiryuu also denied that.

“Hmm—, I asked Le Fay to make me her apprentice as well, but I got rejected as she isn’t great at teaching. And at the same time, I got rejected by Kuroka-oneesan as she said it was too troublesome.”

Well, Kuroka would surely reject. She was not the type that would teach someone magic. Although she might if one persistently asked her, and the compensation for that had to be big.

“If that’s the case…who’s your master?”

“It’s someone who was introduced by Le Fay, Reni-sensei.”

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…So it’s like that, huh. I covered my face with my hands as I grasped everything. Mil-tan folded his hands in front of his chest like a maiden as his eyes shone brightly.

“She’s a super beautiful Magician onee-sama, nyo… I feel that she’s exactly the ideal magic master!”

Reni-sensei. That meant Lavinia Reni-san! She was a witch that I knew. A famous Magician that belonged to one of the many Magician organisations, [Grauzauberer], and one of the members of the Fallen Angels’ Grigori’s team [Slash Dog]. She was also a being that was like an older sister to my rival Vali Lucifer, and like Mil-tan said, she was a super beautiful onee-san. Kiryuu nodded as she said.

“Reni-sensei, she’s a real beauty, isn’t she? I became madly in love with just a single look and asked her to make

me her apprentice ASAP, you know. Also, somehow, I heard that the Magicians' organisation [Grauzauberer]'s entrance terms have become gentler? Compared to the others, at least. That's why we are learning from Reni-sensei. Mil-tan also applied to be an apprentice around the same time, but I am the senior apprentice by a small margin."

....So that's what happened. She wanted to learn magic, and when she asked her Magician acquaintance, she went to Lavinia-san's place and became an apprentice with Mil-tan at around the same time. I wanted to ask how Mil-tan met her, but...well, I felt like he had the fate to make him able to meet her. Now that I understood the situation, I asked Kiryuu once again.

"You, what are you going to do now that you've become a Magician?"

Kiryuu gorgeously made a pose and said.

"I will become a magical girl and save the world!"

"As expected of onee-sama, nyo! That's what a magical girl is, nyooo!"

Mil-tan was somehow greatly moved... Kiryuu shrugged her shoulders and continued.

"...Or so I wanted. Well, to be honest, after meeting you, Asia and the others, and knowing about your real identity, somehow, it felt like I was ignorant of you all. So I thought that maybe by knowing a little bit, I might be able to help Asia and the others."

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…I see, for the sake of Asia and the others. This girl, she was so thoughtful of her friends. That must be why Asia, Xenovia, and Irina were counting on her in terms of usual life. Kiryuu patted my back with a welcoming face.

“And for that reason, because I might also be with you for a lo~ong time, let’s work together ♪”

Mil-tan also responded by excitedly patting me on my back.

“Devil-san, let’s work together ♪”

Mil-tan’s palm’s pat on my back was really effective… However, pairing Kiryuu and Mil-tan might be one hell of a combination in a way… Lavinia Reni-san, what were you thinking when you made these two people your apprentices…?

W-Well, she looked like someone who didn’t really care about these kinds of things, so it was not weird for her to take apprenticeship requests… Although if it was that person, I guess I could rest assured as she didn’t look like she would teach them bad things. …But, well, just as Kiryuu said, I felt like Kiryuu, me and…Mil-tan might be in each others’ company for a long time. As I grasped their situations, I calmed down and asked about the request.

“So, Mil-tan. What’s your request to me?”

Mil-tan made a serious expression while Kiryuu laughed mischievously as they replied at the same time.

[Accompany us with testing our magic.] “Nyo”

….

…What a worthless request! In the end, I did become their opponent… However, who would've expected that the feminine Mil-tan who looked up to magical girls and Kiryuu who knew about our real identities would learn magic as well? Although I haven't finished being their opponent for various explosion-filled magic, Kiryuu said.

"Please don't tell this to Asia and the others yet. I plan to improve to a certain degree first and then tell them on my own"

"Okay, okay, understood."

As I replied, we parted ways and I pedaled my bicycle, going back to my office. As I was going home, there was suddenly an SOS magic circle deployed next to my ear. Rias said with a serious voice.

[Ise. We have received an order from the Maou-sama and Duke Agares. The unknown Devils have appeared in an area within our jurisdiction. We are going to subjugate them.]

I replied.

"Understood."

…They have appeared, huh. Those Devils. Although I still didn't know what their plan was, it would be troublesome if they kept making a mess near me. As I sent my bicycle to the parking space at my office, I made my dragon wings appear on my back and flew out into the night sky—.

Part 3

I arrived at a town that was three stations away from Kuoh Town. The location was somewhat far from the urban areas, and there were only three houses here, so I was sure it had

been deserted for quite a while now. The gardens were filled with wild grass, the walls were also damaged, and windows were shattered. My comrades, all of the Gremory peerage members (Rias, Akeno-san, Koneko-chan, Kiba, Gasper) and the Hyoudou Issei peerage (Me, Asia, Xenovia, Ravel, Rossweisse-san), as well as Irina arrived. And then, a blonde girl with long hair and red eyes that had a face as beautiful as the girls that you would see in paintings, Elmenhilde Karnstein, joined us at a place that was quite far away from the citizens' houses. Elmenhilde said.

"To think that this is the situation after I returned from a secret intelligence mission… What chaos."

Unlike Gasper, who was half-human, she's a pure-blooded Vampire. Also, she was the daughter of a noble family. Things were complicated at first, but right now, she was homestaying in the Hyoudou Residence and had been going out with us with the goal of gaining various information. Her dream was to restore and develop the city that was destroyed by Rizevim. She was prideful and high-toned when we met her at first, but after a lot of things happened, her personality improved as well, making her way cuter now. Usually, she would also be helping me at my office, but this time, she went out for a secret intelligence mission for a little while. My comrades didn't just include them. A giant being — a Dragon flew down from the sky. It knelt down before me and spoke politely.

"My master, I, Bova Tannin, have just returned."

The giant dragon, Bova, was my first subordinate after becoming a High-class Devil. He was also one of the legitimate sons of my Dragon master, Tannin-ossan, who was a former Dragon King. He held such strong interest and respect for me that he quickly came to me after I became a

High-class Devil and asked to be my subordinate. As I couldn’t disregard it either, he became my first subordinate. Bova and Ravel had to take care of something in the Underworld and had just returned. As I identified my comrades, I asked Rias.

“These are the members for this time?”

Rias nodded.

“Yes. As Sona and the other DxD members have something they need to take care of, this mission has been entrusted to people like us.”

…So that means the subjugation of the unknown Devils was also happening in other places, huh. I looked at the deserted house once again. …I could even feel the presence of Devils and their aura from outside. Also, there was quite the number of them. Not only from inside the house, but I could also feel them behind us as well. Everyone looked like they felt the same thing as they were watchful of their surroundings. Rias stood in front of the deserted house and spoke with a loud voice.

“Come out please. We know that you’ve been hiding here.”

Rias’s voice echoed over the whole area. A moment of silence—. However, the group of suspicious figures started to appear from inside the house and our surroundings. There were humanoid Devils, as well as Devils that looked like monsters. Their numbers were…about ten, twenty, thirty…. No, no, more than one hundred, I guess? What an absurd number! On top of that, every last one of them had an aura that didn’t belong to a Low-class Devil or Mid-class Devil, but a High-class Devil!

This was impossible! Why would a hundred High-class Devils gather at such a remote place? In addition, the number of Devils had been decreasing since the Great War between the Three Factions, so it was impossible for more than a hundred precious High-class Devils to gather at such a place! The unknown Devils, if they were all High-class Devils, then this number was too absurd!

Just as His Eminence Strada said, I wondered if the mother of Devils, Lilith produced these Devils. The Devils grinned and looked calm. As expected, it seemed like they didn't know about us. If they knew, they would be running by now. If this was one year ago, this number would have been a problem to us, but if it's us right now—. A male Devil who acted as a representative said to us.

"Devils, Angels, Dragons, and even Vampires. What do you want with us?"

Rias majestically said.

"We are the ones who wanted to ask questions here. You guys, what's the reason for you to be here? If you spill out the goal, we'll let you guys live. Our order doesn't care whether you are dead or alive after all."

These guys laughed heartily in response to this warning. Ah, it seems impossible to negotiate. Looking at their behaviour, Xenovia already took out her Holy Sword Durandal, challenging them to fight. The Devil who acted as a representative said.

"We've simply been ordered to investigate the movements of Devils and Angels around here, and were occasionally ordered to attack them."

"By whom?"

In response to Rias's question, the Devil said.

"I also want to know that, as the orders come through our minds only. Also…we can't contain this feeling of wanting to rampage with this power."

The surrounding Devils laughed eerily in response to the male Devil's words. Even these guys didn't know the one giving them orders, huh. Well, I didn't know what their true motive was, but I couldn't overlook this case either since they held animosity towards us…

Rias majestically said.

"In any case, you guys have caused many deaths just for the sake of fulfilling your desires. By the name of Duke Gremory, we'll defeat you guys!"

And those words marked the start of the battle!

The enemies came at us from all directions! I also quickly changed into my crimson armor and prepared my stance in response to them! The first ones to strike were the sword wielders Xenovia and Kiba, who cut down the Devils charging from the front! Both of their ranks as Devils were Knight, and the Knight's specialty was their speed, thus those two swung their swords at such high speed.

The Holy Demonic sword that Kiba held and Xenovia's Holy Sword Durandal defeated several Devils that charged from the front at once! Holy energy is a Devil's weakness, which meant the special weapons that those two held turned the enemies into dust. Irina and Akeno-san flew into the sky and attacked from there.

"Holy Lightning!"

Akeno-san, who had the blood of a Fallen Angel, spread her jet-black wings from her back and created thunderclouds over the night sky. From there, she struck down with light-imbued lightning. The Devils that were struck by those lightning bolts were burned to ashes in an instant.

Akeno-san's Devil rank was Queen, and the Queen had the specialty of having strong power. It was endowed with all the specialties of Knight, Rook, and Bishop. Similarly, Irina, who flew to the sky, also made her pure white wings and a halo on top of her head appeared.

"Light attack! Eat this!"

She created light spears from her hands and shot it down to the Devils under her. The Devils that received the intense light attacks head-on were defeated. Light was a lethal poison to Devils, and thus being bathed in it would cause severe damage. Akeno was a Fallen Angel, while Irina was a Reincarnated Angel. In addition to those light attacks, the power must be fatal to them. To top that off, Irina who held the holy sword Hauteclaire was similar to Xenovia, meaning that she could produce holy waves. Being the Ace of the leader of Heaven Michael-san wasn't just for show. To the unknown Devils, the presence of Irina was nothing but their natural enemy. Xenovia and Kiba cut through them, while Irina and Akeno-san shot down light attacks from the sky! However, our offense didn't stop there!

"Tou! Ha!"

The one who sent the Devils flying with her bare hands was Koneko-chan, who showed her cat ears and three tails! Koneko-chan's Devil rank was Rook, and the Rook's specialty was simple! It was the increase of offense and defense! Koneko-chan was originally a rare species even among the

Youkai Nekomata, a [Nekoshou]. Having mastered Senjutsu, she was able to user her own Ki and the nature's Ki, as well as controlling her Touki. Plus, she could also produce a Nekomata's special power, Kasha. The wheel that Koneko-chan released — was covered with white flames that had the ability to purify as well. Devils would be burned to ashes if they got hit by that! Holy swords, light, purification, all of these attacks that we gave would give any Devil a fatal injury, so it wasn't weird that those Devils flinched.

"Shit! If that's the case, let's aim for those who don't use holy swords or light!"

A group of them then changed their target.

"Let's start with this small fry!"

The target of their attack was — Gasper. If this was the old Gasper, he would have been 'Awawawawawa! I'm scareeeeed!' scared by the enemy's attack and freeze himself. —However, he was different now. He was a different person now. One of the Devils lit his hands with magic and tried to hit Gasper, but…the enemy's punch didn't connect as the shadow under Gasper's feet expanded and created an enormous black hand, defending against it.

Both of Gasper's eyes lit red in a menacing manner as he said.

"You thought that you could defeat me, didn't you? You're gravely mistaken."

Gasper's body was shrouded in shadow and turned black. And then, Gasper, whose body turned black, changed his form. He changed as his body got bigger and expanded, surpassing the height of the Devil who attacked him by far. What appeared there was a giant black monster. Being five

metres high, it resembled a Dragon closely as it emitted a sinister aura. The whole team of unknown Devils seemed to tremble in fear due to the amount of the aura emitted.

Gasper was without a doubt one of the strongest members here. After going through a lot of things, the Sacred Gear [Forbidden Balor View] that Gasper owned awakened and changed into a completely unknown Sacred Gear. —[Aeon Balor], that was the name of the Sacred Gear that Gasper currently owned.

The Devils that came at Gasper completely lost their will to fight and tried to run. However…the eyes of Gasper, who turned into a black beast, glowed red and stopped the Devils. He stopped those Devils' time. Gasper knocked down the Devils with his thick arm splendidly. f Gasper wanted to, he could defeat all of the mysterious Devils in that place, but we couldn't let that happen as well.

"What the!? We don't stand a chance fighting against them!"

There were some who attempted to run, but we didn't let them.

"Like hell you can!"

Bova, the enormous Dragon who was my subordinate, kicked the Devils who tried to run away. As expected of the son of a former Dragon King, he could fight High-class Devils without any problems. There was another one who captured the Devils who were running away. The Devils were suddenly surrounded with bats. The Devils who were bitten on the necks and got their blood sucked completely lost consciousness. The one who controlled the bats was the Vampire Princess, Elmenhilde.

“This won’t be useful.”

Although she was a humble girl, we were really grateful as she did her job properly.

“Or rather, this whole area is already surrounded with barriers.”

The one who said that was my Rook, Rossweisse-san. She developed many magic circles on her hands and put up her special barrier technique so the Devils couldn’t run away from this area. On the other hand, Asia, who held the recovery Sacred Gear Twilight Healing, was watching over us behind. Even though Asia had no combat abilities, her healing ability was top notch. She was our lifeline as she could quickly heal any injuries. She was protected by my manager Ravel. Ravel was the daughter of one of the former Seventy-Two Pillars, the Phoenix house. Having the special ability of immortality, she wouldn’t be defeated easily. That being said, the attacks didn’t reach Ravel and Asia’s place. After all, our strong teammates were taking down the unknown Devils one after another! As the King, Rias and I couldn’t afford to lose either!

“Take that!”

Wearing my crimson armour, I sent a number of Devils flying away with my punches and kicks. Rias, who was beside me, shot out a clump of black-coloured mass, the Power of Destruction.

“Blow away!”

The Power of Destruction completely blew them away. It couldn’t be defended against either, even for someone who had considerable skill. Anyone who got hit by it would disappear. That was the Power of Destruction. The unknown

Devils vanished upon receiving Rias's atrocious magic attack. The enemies that exceeded a hundred in number completely changed their expressions upon understanding the overwhelming difference between our powers as they completely lost the will to fight. There were also some who still attacked us despite understanding the difference between our powers.

"Curse you! At the very least, one person!"

They rushed towards Asia and Ravel. However…hose Devils were shot down by light bullets. It was not from us. As I looked at the direction where the bullet was fired from, I could hear a familiar sound.

"Well, well, what a coincidence to meet you at this place, huh, Devil-san?"

The young girl who wore a female church warrior's battle attire with a mix of black and white hair was — Lint Sellzen. Actually, she was also a Reincarnated Angel, as well as one of the members of Rias's team in the Rating Game World Tournament. It seemed like she would also participate in this subjugation. Lint-san started to sing.

"My name is Lint ♪ Lint Sellzen ♪ I am the church's emissary~, also Heaven's Brave Saint!"

…That girl's older brother Freed also sang that kind of song. His version was more vulgar though… Holding a specially-made gun that shot light bullet, as well as a sword that was made out of purple flames in both of her hands, she walked closer to us as she defeated the Devils that targeted Asia and Ravel.

I asked Lint-san.

“…W-What is it, Lint-san?”

She answered as she scratched the back of her head.

“No, no, I was just confused that you said Freed-aniki sang that. I’ll stop if it bothers you.”

As she pointed her gun to the enemy, she continued.

“I was ordered by His Eminence Strada to join you, as exorcising Devils is a church warrior’s tradition, so here I am.”

Ah, so it was His Eminence Strada’s order.

Well, even without any order, she was the type that would come here and say ‘because it’s interesting’. And as reinforcements for us arrived, we continued to defeat the High-class calibre unknown Devils. Well, there are all sorts of ‘High-class Devils’. The best of the High-class Devils only have slight differences when compared to Ultimate-class Devils, as some High-class Devils like the Great King Bael’s next heir, Sairaorg-san, were said to be equal to or even surpassing Maou-class. However, these guys were on the lower level. Still though, if it were your usual Devil or Angel who fought this number of High-class Devils, it would be a demolition. However, we survived fighting against these treacherous and strong enemies. We had previously faced descendants of the former Maou, those who had inherited the souls of heroes, legendary Evil Dragons, and even Gods. Thanks to that, we were named those who deter against evil intentions by the higher-ups of all mythologies.

I wasn’t saying that all the people here could defeat a High-class Devil with ease, but rather with nice teamwork, we could show them unequaled strength and fight one-sidedly like this. …Or rather, these guys, they were just

rampaging around with the powers that they had. They weren't actually thinking… I couldn't feel any kind of experience coming from them. It was as if I was fighting against ignorant children who simply relied on raw, unrefined power. Or so I thought, but hey, we defeated more than a hundred unknown Devils within ten minutes—. We sent the surviving Devils as well as the dead bodies to the specialised organisation of the Underworld through a magic circle. After processing things, everyone calmed down and let out a sigh.

"Looks like there isn't anyone left."

"… I'm relieved."

"For now, I guess this area is fine."

Kiba, Koneko-chan, as well as Elmenhilde, were investigating the deserted house and its surroundings to see if there was anyone hiding. Kiba went by foot, while Koneko-chan used her Senjutsu to detect their presence, and Elmenhilde searched the area by using her bats. Hearing this, Rossweisse-san undid the barrier magic that was placed upon the whole area. Well then, I guess I'll remove my armour and prepare to go home. —It was the moment I thought such things.

"—♪"

I could hear a song. I thought it was just my imagination, but…

"—–♪ —–♪"

The singing voice…got closer. As if everyone had realised this, we became alert and turned to the source of the voice. As we did that, there was a human figure along with a

singing voice walking closer. That was — the long and purple-haired girl that I talked about! The girl that disappeared that time! Why was she here!? Wait, she was also there after the unknown Devils attacked. …To think that she would be here in the same situation like before, what did it mean? I said to everyone.

“Everyone, this is the purple-haired diva that I met—-”

The moment I spoke those words—. Suddenly, my vision was warped. I was very sleepy. At the same time, my body lost its strength. I quickly fell down on my knees. …P-Power was leaving… my body… I couldn’t put any strength… I couldn’t retain the power and consciousness to preserve my crimson armour, thus making me release my armor state. Ddraig agonisingly said in response to this.

[…W-What is this…? …Song, huh…that girl’s song…had an effect on…me and partner….!]

…S-Song…? That beautiful voice certainly swayed our brains when we heard it, and my body couldn’t even stop shaking… My vision…it started to get blurry as well… …W-Wasn’t this weird? T-That time, although I did hear her singing voice…I wasn’t like this…

Ddraig said.

[…S-She probably didn’t use…h-her power…that time…!]

I looked at my surroundings, and everyone except me seemed fine. Everyone was in awe as they watched my condition change.

“Ise! What’s wrong?”

“Ise-kun!? What in the world is this…?”

Asia rushed to my side and used her healing magic on me. I was enveloped by her soothing green aura. Usually, I would be healed with this, however…even with Asia's ability…it didn't change anything!

"G-Guoooo…"

I looked at the source of the voice and found Bova was also on his knees in agony. It seemed like Bova had also lost his strength… …T-To think that it only affected…D-Ddraig, me…and also Bova… …Did her song only affect…Dragons?

"Shit! Stop that song!"

"Is this girl one of the Devils from before? Well, whatever it is, the fact that she attacked Ise-kun and Bova-san doesn't change!"

Xenovia and Kiba held their weapons as they became vigilant and faced the purple-haired girl. …If left like that, Xenovia or Kiba might end up attacking that girl! I strained my voice and said to Xenovia and Kiba

"…W-Wait. I don't think she means any harm… J-Just stop…!"

She didn't hold any hostility the first time I met her… Although she did have an unusual atmosphere, I had a feeling that…she wasn't a bad person! That being said, Rossweisse-san created a magic circle and released it toward the purple-haired girl. The girl was covered in a light blue aura. As the aura disappeared, the girl lost consciousness as she fainted on the spot. Rossweisse-san let out a sigh as she said.

"I used my hypnotism magic on her for the time being. Glad it affected her well."

….That sure was some nifty support from Rossweisse-san. The mysterious girl who sang that mystical song had appeared, but we were able to accomplish the subjugation of the unknown Devils. We then returned to the Hyoudou Residence after we retrieved the girl who fell asleep for research purposes. And then, we were shocked upon discovering her true identity.

Life.3 Our New Friend Is The Mysterious Diva

Part 1

We returned from the subjugation of the unknown Devils. As we arrived at the Hyoudou residence, Rias and Ravel explained to the higher-ups of the Underworld about the successful subjugation, the encounter with the mysterious girl, and that we would look after her—. The song that was sung by the purple-haired girl did cause me and Bova some trouble, but as soon as it stopped, our bodies returned to a normal condition. Just in case, we reported the situation to the Grigori, who were knowledgeable on the Sacred Gear research, as well. The girl that we looked after was sleeping in a separate room. There were also surveillants placed to watch her so that she didn’t leave the house. After a few hours had passed, we were contacted by the higher-ups of the Underworld. The spacious VIP room on the top floor of the Hyoudou residence was set up as a reception room. There, the members involved in the subjugation convened for a meeting (Bova also attended by shrinking his body). A magic circle was then created in the middle of a table in the VIP room, projecting a figure of one of the higher-ups. The higher-up was — Maou-sama. Maou Ajuka Beelzebub-sama. Currently, he was the only remaining one who held the seat of a Maou from among the Four Great Satans. Beelzebub-sama showed his gratitude to us for the subjugation, and also spoke about the purple-haired girl.

[Her name is — Leviathan. Ingvild Leviathan. She’s a descendant of the previous Maou Leviathan. Plus, she’s half-human.]

[—!?]

Everyone was completely shocked by that report.

Of course! One of the Maou Leviathan… To make things worse, she was the descendant of the previous Leviathan! The Devils' government of the current Underworld had been reorganised after the civil war which occurred in the past. After the great war between Angels, Fallen Angels, and Devils, all sides suffered such severe losses that the birth of the next generations kept declining dangerously, putting the survival of the entire race at risk.

Among them, a civil war was instigated by the Devils who held the blood of the previous

Four Great Satans.

They wished to continue the war and resist to the bitter end, and they fought against those who wished for the conflict to stop.

As a result, the side who attempted a coup d'etat won, and those who held the blood of the previous Maous were chased out to the fringes of the Underworld. After that, the Four Great Satans became something not hereditary, but rather a succession to the Devils who were powerful at that time. Ajuka Beelzebub-sama was one of the powerful people at that time, similar to Rias's brother, Sirzechs-sama who took up the name of Lucifer.

One of the reasons why the House of Gremory was a prestigious noble family was that it had produced a Maou.

On the other hand, the expelled Devils who inherited the blood of previous Maous lived in poverty in the outskirts of the Underworld. However…last year, they united with the

terrorist organisation Khaos Brigade, creating the Old Maou Faction, and they propagated war against the current Devil government, as well as other mythologies. Those who bore the previous Maou's blood… There were other people like the purple-haired girl — Ingvild, who had mixed with humans. One of them was my Heavenly Dragon rival, Vali Lucifer. He was the great-grandchild of the previous Lucifer, and his mother was a human.

As a result, he had the power and talent from possessing the blood of Lucifer, while he also possessed a Sacred Gear as a human, which gave him unrivaled strength.

I asked Beelzebub-sama.

"A-Are you saying that she's the same as Vali?"

[It's a different case, but you can say that it's the same in terms of being the descendant of the previous Maou, while also having human blood and a Sacred Gear.]

…Are you serious?

Another case like Vali's…I didn't even know how to react…

No, I had heard that there were cases of descendants from the High-class Devils of the former Seventy Two Pillars who had survived as half-humans. However, I thought there were no other pure descendants of the previous Maou who were half-human other than Vali as he was a really rare case. Beelzebub-sama then continued

[That girl has been afflicted with a sleeping illness for a long time.]

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I felt familiar with that illness. I spoke about the case that I remembered.

“Speaking of a sleeping illness, Sairaorg-san’s mother also had one.”

Beelzebub-sama gave his affirmation.

[That’s right, she also suffered from the same thing. However, a while ago, her consciousness returned miraculously. And the reason for that is that the Sacred Gear which she owns awakened.

]

Well, Sairaorg-san’s mother also woke up miraculously, but from what I’d heard, there wasn’t any cure for that disease yet. In Ingvild’s case, it was her Sacred Gear that affected her, huh… Beelzebub-sama continued and said shocking things.

[The Sacred Gear that she owns…is one of the five newly classified Longinus, [Nereid Kyrie]]

[—!?]

Everyone was once again shocked by this report! T-That girl, she was a Longinus user!? Plus, it’s the new type one. Speaking of Longinus, it was a name for rare types of Sacred Gear that held strong…no, power and abilities which deviated greatly from all the other Sacred Gears. I also had one of them. [Boosted Gear] was a Longinus, and similarly, the one that my rival Vali had, [Divine Dividing], was one of the Longinus as well. Many of my comrades… or should I say people who were a part of [DxD] were Longinus users.
Gasper and Lint-san who were present here were also Longinus users.

Until a while ago — [True Longinus], [Zenith Tempest], [Annihilation Maker], [Dimension Lost], [Boosted Gear], [Divine Dividing], [Sephiroth Graal], [Incinerate Anthem], [Canis Lykaon], [Regulus Nemea], [Absolute Demise], [Innovate Clear], [Telos Karma], those were all the thirteen Longinus that were validated, but there were new Longinus that were observed recently. The five Longinus that were added were [Aeon Balor], [Alphecca Tyrant], [Unknown Dictator], [Nereid Kyrie] and [Star Buster Star Blaster], thus making a total of eighteen longinus present. Gasper's Longinus was one of the new ones, [Aeon Balor]. The same as Ingvild, as she held the new Longinus [Nereid Kyrie]. Kiba replied.

"If I'm not mistaken, that is one of the high-level Longinus, right?"

Just like Kiba said, there were some Longinus that were considered top-class as they were more powerful and vicious. Until now, the four Longinus that were considered as top-class were [True Longinus], [Zenith Tempest], [Annihilation Maker], and [Dimension Lost]. With the newly added ones, there were two that were considered as top-class, [Nereid Kyrie] and [Star Buster Star Blaster]. Depending on the way it was used, a top-class one could even destroy a whole country, which would have considerable impact on the world. Though it seemed like there were some Longinus that were detested and

went against common rules, making their use a taboo.

Beelzebub-sama said

[A top-class type is severely dangerous. When the Grigori was doing research on her Sacred Gear, she had just woken

up. But then, Ingvild concealed her own presence. And that is the same as what happened during this incident.]

Disappearing in the middle of the investigation, huh…

Wait, so she disappeared, and she was here when she was next found?

J-Just what in the world happened to that girl…?

While we had various doubts, there was someone who entered the room.

“We also did some investigation on Ingvild Leviathan previously.”

The one who entered the room was a handsome guy who had an eyepatch on his right eye! He also wore his usual and characteristic Han-style clothing.

“Cao Cao!”

I called the guy’s name. He was the former ringleader of Khaos Brigade’s Hero Faction. We had fought several times, and he certainly did give us trouble. However, we somehow managed to defeat this guy. After that, a lot of things happened, and he was now a vanguard for Mount Meru’s boss, Sakra. He had somewhat become less of a bad guy as he often helped us [DxD] when something happened. This guy also had one of the top-class Longinus. Plus, he was the user of [True Longinus], the strongest Longinus that was said to be the first Longinus. Cao Cao was also participating in the Rating Game World Tournament, and the team that he led got into the main stage. Cao Cao said to Ravel, who was preparing tea

“Uhm, I’ll have hot milk instead. Please go easy on the sugar.”

Ravel went ‘okay, okay’ as she went down to get the milk. I was curious as he also ordered hot milk the last time we met, so I asked him about it. Cao Cao laughed blankly.

“I have a child’s taste buds, and I think that a cheese hamburger is the world’s tastiest dish. Well, but I’m fine with that.”

Cao Cao returned to the topic and said.

“It seems like Ingvild Leviathan was kidnapped by the unknown Devils…no, the one who’s backing them.”

Kidnapped by the guys who controlled the unknown Devils… So, was it safe to assume that it was the rulers of Hell? As we thought about such things, Beelzebub-sama said.

[I guess I can’t keep this a secret from you guys now. The unknown Devils that are rampaging across the Underworld and the territory of other mythologies, they were born from the mother of Devils, Lilith.]

[—]

…So it was exactly like what his Eminence Strada had imagined. Still, everyone was shocked by this. Also, we kept receiving shocking news, but you know that it was not good for our hearts, right? Beelzebub-sama continued.

[As we investigated the composition of their bodies, we found that they have the same qualities as the ancient Devils…in other words, the first-generation nobles that Lilith-sama directly gave birth to. And worse, we saw some

traces that Lilith-sama was forced to gave birth to them in a rough situation and force their growth, as we could see the part that controlled magic had some defects in it.]

The same as the noble Devils… Well, it was normal since their mother was the same I guess… Rias asked Beelzebub-sama.

“Lilith-sama gave birth to them… Well, Beelzebub-sama, if that’s the case, who found and forced Lilith-sama to give birth to those new Devils? So, it’s just like what we thought…”

Beelzebub-sama nodded submissively in response to Rias’s words.

[…Just like you guys predicted, the rulers of Hell led by Hades have found Lilith-sama and produced the Devils.]

So it was those guys! Those guys had such dangerous ideology that they even tried to put my father in danger. … Just as I expected, they had crafted dangerous plans and had begun executing them! Beelzebub-sama continued.

[Even though we already know that, they’ll pretend they know nothing. Because although they clearly do hold hostility towards us, they haven’t clearly declared war yet.]

Xenovia made an unpleasant face.

“And I really want to go attack them like, right now, but… it’s not really legitimately simple, huh. We are also part of [DxD]. We need concrete proof that’ll serve as a reason.”

It was your usual belligerent Xenovia, but compared to our first meeting, she could now look at things more calmly. Maybe it was because she became the president of Kuoh

Academy’s student council. Ravel made a frightened expression in response to this talk. Somehow, her thoughts looked like it was somewhere else because she was too scared.

“…Maou-sama, if the transcendental beings that are participating in the Rating Game World Tournament are…”

The image of the copper-haired young male Devil Balberith, as well as the long and jade-haired Devil girl Verrine that we previously met before popped into everyone’s head in response to those words. They were a part of a team that was led by a Grim Reaper from the Netherworld. And their power was said to be Transcendental-class, which was equal to a God’s. They also went to the main stage with their overwhelming power. However, there were only three names that were confirmed as Transcendental class as of now, including Rias’s brother Sirzechs-sama, as well as Ajuka Beelzebub-sama. Then, suddenly, there were two names that appeared as Transcendental-class. And those two were from the team that the Netherworld’s Grim Reaper led—. What we could understand from that was enough to make us completely shiver! —Hades and the others used the Devils’ mother, Lilith, and produced Transcendental beings!? Everyone became speechless as a result of that too. After a moment of silence, Irina burst out as she stood up and screamed.

“I-If they can artificially produce transcendental beings… won’t that tip the power balance of all mythologies

?”

What Irina said was true, as the power of transcendental beings was of that caliber. In fact, in the past coup d’état that happened in the Underworld, the old government was

able to be overthrown because transcendental beings like Sirzechs-sama and Ajuka Beelzebub-sama played a big role. If they created transcendental beings on purpose…that was a big problem. The fight against the rulers of Hell whose subordinates were transcendental beings…just imagining it made us go pale. Beelzebub-sama said.

[Just like you guys said, Hades and the others are conducting an experiment on creating transcendental beings. However, rather than being able to produce transcendental beings at will, it seems more likely that their experiments with Lilith-sama have only been able to produce transcendental beings at random. Just think the unknown Devils as something that's born as a process of the experiment on creating transcendental beings. That means, we should assume that they sent those failed Devils to every mythology's territory to carry out another experiment.]

…So their goal was to carry out an experiment on creating transcendental beings! To think that the Devils that we subjugated were just extras… Using the mother of Devils Lilith to conduct an experiment on making transcendental beings, Hades and the others surely had thought up something crazy! …Their act was similar to Rizevim, who used the Holy Grail Longinus to revive the legendary Evil Dragons. But they were hard to deal with as they were Gods! Beelzebub-sama then continued.

[Now, this is just my speculation, but I think it's already not possible to conduct further experiments on creating transcendental beings.]

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…You weren't kidding, right? You were saying that the likes of Balberith and Verrine wouldn't increase? Beelzebub-

sama said this.

[Lilith-sama’s body won’t withstand it. Because when we counted the amount of Devils that appeared in all mythologies, she seemed to have given birth to quite a lot of Devils in a short span. They can’t force her anymore.]

…I see, so the number of transcendental beings wouldn’t increase suddenly. Well, if that were to happen, we’d surely be annihilated.

Just the thought of a thousand people at Sirzechs-sama’s class.

We’d die no matter how you looked at it! Kuoh Town would be blown apart in an instant! Beelzebub-sama tried to calm us down as he laughed and said.

[I want you guys to entrust the issue of the whereabouts of the artificial transcendental beings and Lilith-sama to me. However, if you guys do encounter the artificial transcendental beings, please consider leaving them alive, okay?]

—Everyone responded.

[Understood.]

…Well, I guess there was a possibility of killing them if they laid their hand on my subordinates. Cao Cao changed the topic as he asked Beelzebub-sama.

“Now, what do we do with Ingvild Leviathan?”

Beelzebub-sama answered.

[Umu. She’s still lightheaded since her consciousness came back, so she hasn’t regained her memory yet. It’s safe to say that she’s still fuzzy. Also, about the special abilities of the new Longinus… It’s really dangerous. [Nereid Kyrie], it has two special abilities. The first is the power to make a Dragon powerless, or enslavement by her voice

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The other one is controlling the sea. This is also troublesome. In other words, she can control a large group of Dragons, and even sink urban areas by controlling the sea. Depending on the way it’s being used, it is a Sacred Gear that can easily affect the world in a bad way. That’s why it’s categorised as a top-class Longinus.]

The power to make Dragons powerless and the power to control the seaaaa!? …So that’s why Bova and I lost our power when we heard the song… Also, controlling the sea… wasn’t that a dangerous one!? She’d be able to sink urban areas…!

I-I mean, I’d heard about the Sacred Gear that could control the weather, but not one that could control the sea. That being said, although it was a new Longinus, it was absurd that, depending on the way it was used, it could control the whole ocean…! I guess that was the reason she was targeted. The ability to make the living being that was said to be the strongest, Dragons, powerless. The ability to control the sea that covered more than half of the human world. It was only natural that there were mythologies who wanted the Sacred Gear that could do such things. What a frightening thing to be kidnapped by the rulers of Hell! But, she was so lucky that she was somewhere where we could watch over her. Beelzebub-sama then said this frightening thing.

[The first problem is, does her singing voice work on a Dragon Gods or not? The beings who abducted her might have that as their final goal.]

[—!?]

We were dumbfounded in response to Beelzebub’s frightening forecast. If she could make Dragons powerless and enslave them… Then it might affect the world’s strongest Dragons, [Ouroboros Dragon] Ophis and [Apocalypse Dragon] Great Red! If those two were to be enslaved… It was so frightening that even by imagining it, we got goosebumps. Although we didn’t know if it did have that kind of power or not, we couldn’t take our eyes off her. If she were to be abducted and used by the enemy’s organisation…t was going to be bad! Beelzebub-sama completely changed as he laughed.

[And as such possibilities were taken as a consideration, you guys should keep watching over her… Furthermore, I want to save people who have the blood of the previous Maous. Both sympathetically and politically.]

Ravel said.

“… There are still groups who support the previous Maous after all.”

Vali, who bore the blood of the previous Maou, also did join a terrorist organisation for a while, but he was actively participating in the tournament now. The support from the people who respected the previous Lucifer was so great that even the politicians wished to be in contact. Though he looked like he rejected it as it was troublesome. Beelzebub-sama said.

[It can also serve as a way to get their support, and if we can get our hands on them first… If I speak more about the government's speculation, it might affect your activities as [DxD]. We, the higher-ups, only have simple orders; the protection of Ingvild Leviathan, and I want you guys to defeat the enemy's boss…the one behind all of this, as they might come back to take back that girl.]

Rias asked to confirm.

"Even if the enemy…is a God, you want us to defeat him?"

Beelzebub-sama fearlessly laughed.

[You ask such things now? You guys are the team that has the power to defeat even Gods. I want you to act as the one that will deter against all mythologies.]

[Understood!]

Now that we had left the artificial transcendental beings to the higher-ups, we could focus on the things in front of us. I would protect Ingvild from the bad guys! My forte was protecting girls, you know! It was good that it was simple! — And, Cao Cao told Beelzebub-sama.

"Looks like the talk is finished. The investigation that you asked, I'll continue it along with the [Slash Dog] Team in the long run, because there is a possibility that there is a connection."

[I'm counting on you.]

As he confirmed that, Cao Cao left us a few words as he tried to leave the room.

“And now, the only question left is, why was Ingvild Leviathan in this area? It’s either within their expectations, or perhaps… Well, I guess we’ll find out.”

Cao Cao left the Hyoudou Residence as he said that—.

Part 2

A few hours after the meeting with Beelzebub-sama—. The purple-haired girl, Ingvild Leviathan, was sleeping in the Hyoudou Residence’s spare room. She was sleeping as she was still affected by Rossweisse-san’s hypnotism magic. Outside the room, my comrade’s familiar was placed to watch her so that when Ingvild woke up, she didn’t leave her room. I organised the information about Ingvild that I got from Beelzebub-sama. She was the descendant of the previous Maou Leviathan. She was a precious existence.

On top of that, she also held the new Longinus, and its power was being targeted.

The ones targeting her was the mastermind that sent the unknown Devils to the Kuoh Town area. Though we still didn’t know who it was, it was basically confirmed that they had a connection to the rulers of Hell. …I was sure the ringleader was an evil God.

And about Ingvild’s personal information… I was really surprised when I was told about her information. She had just woken up from her sleeping disease, and…she became afflicted with that disease more than a hundred years ago. The fact that she was a descendant of the Leviathan had also just come to light. According to the rumors, only the noble Devils that were a part of the previous Maou Leviathan faction knew about this information.

And those noble Devils hid the girl who was affected by the sleeping disease in their own territory.

…I was surprised by the fact that things like this were still being hidden.

Though she bore human blood, if she was the descendant of the previous Leviathan, the current government would surely make a ruckus about it. But this meant that even the Old Maou Faction that was a part of Khaos Brigade also didn’t know about this. On the contrary, we were the ones who felt surprised, as when the imprisoned Old Maou Faction members were interrogated, they looked like they didn’t know anything. Beelzebub-sama also said that there was someone in the Old Maou Faction who went by the name of Katerea Leviathan who bore the blood of the previous Leviathan’s blood legitimately… but Katerea probably wasn’t told anything about this. If she had known, she would have killed Ingvild Leviathan who’s a half-human… As to why the Devils of the previous Leviathan faction didn’t tell Katerea was…I couldn’t imagine the situation of that in the previous government.

…Ingvild was born in the human world, and we knew that she was raised in a certain beach city in Europe from her testimony when she had just woken up from her sleeping illness. The Underworld Government also didn’t know how it happened, but it looked like quite a while ago, when the beings who bore Leviathan’s blood came to visit the human world, they made children with humans, and those children were left in the human world. Or something like that. And she was one of the children that were left behind. Ingvild had probably awakened her Leviathan power through genetic atavism. And here I thought the government must had at least known about the children that were left in the human world and had a connection to Leviathan, but…I

guess it wasn’t weird if that information might be concealed because the coup d’etat was successful. There was also the thing with the previous Lucifer’s descendant, Vali… I guess it was impossible to grasp everything. …It made me wonder if there were also any descendants of the previous Maou Beelzebub and Asmodeus as a result of interacting with humans when the Underworld government didn’t know. But, wait, they might have existed but were disposed of, and as a result, only Vali and Ingvild were left now… Well, even if we thought about such things now, it’s not like we would get any answers…

Now, I wondered when did the Devils who hid Ingvild knew about her and hid her. …It seemed like Ingvild’s parents summoned a Devil in order to save their daughter from the sleeping illness. And that summoned Devil knew about her real identity and hid her in their territory. …Did her parents that summoned a Devil in order to save their sleeping daughter know that their daughter’s Devil power had awakened? Did her parents rely on the Devil as their last resort in order to save their daughter from the incurable disease? Either the Devils of the previous Leviathan faction were called by mere accident, or they knew about this. I could only say what was in my imagination about that. …If more than a hundred years had passed, then her parents would’ve been—. …I guess there was no helping it that I became gloomy thinking about that information.

However, this meant that the sleeping disease that she and Sairaorg’s mother had didn’t kill her even after sleeping for a hundred years. Although I knew that the body would slowly weaken because of not waking up and the host would eventually die… But, for Devils who lived for ten thousand years, was sleeping for a hundred years not a problem? I didn’t know the answer as well as I was no expert on that. However—. I couldn’t even imagine sleeping for a hundred

years. It was a hundred years, you know? You did nothing but sleep for as long as the life of humans with a long lifespan… Plus, she was raised in the human world. She must've been raised as a human until her Devil power awakened.

…

…It was unfathomable for me. It was when I was thinking about Ingvild's situation. Finally, the door of my room was knocked on. The one who entered was Ravel.

"Ise-sama, Ingvild-sama has woken up."

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…Well, I was her only acquaintance. I guess I should try to talk to her. I went to the guest bedroom where Ingvild was.

Asia and I went inside the room where Ingvild was. Since she might not be able to calm down if there were too many people, the ones chosen were me, who had met her before, and Asia, who didn't look intimidating. Ingvild sat on the bed. I pulled a chair to side of the bed and sat, while Asia stood some distance behind. Ingvild had the same sleepy look when I met her. I wonder if it was the after-effects of the sleeping disease… According to the gossip, her memories wouldn't return having been sleeping for a hundred years, so a lot of things were going to be vague. From the previous talk, I knew the fact that she had been sleeping for a hundred years, as well as the special power that resided inside her — Longinus. …Well, the last thing she remembered was her spending her daily life in a beach city in the human world with her parents after all… Ingvild opened her mouth.

"This is the Red Dragon-san's house, right?"

Beelzebub-sama said that she must've known me as [Red Dragon] because of [Nereid Kyrie]'s specialty. That Longinus was also capable of controlling even Dragons, so she must have somehow known about the Dragon in my body — Ddraig. I laughed and answered.

"Yes, this is the house that I…we live in. We haven't introduced ourselves, have we? My name is Hyoudou Issei, and the girl over there is Asia Argento. Nice to meet you."

Even though I did know her name, I wouldn't call her by it yet. She might become vigilant if I did, so I should have her introduce herself first. As I thought that, she introduced herself.

"My name is Ingvild and my surname is… I can't remember it. But the people that I met at the hospital and the mysterious establishment called me Leviathan…"

Her Sacred Gear awakened soon after she had woken up. Or rather, it looked like it was her Sacred Gear that actually woke her up. The Devils that hid her knew that they couldn't keep her under their control, so they contacted the Underworld's Government and the Fallen Angels' organisation, the Grigori. Shortly thereafter, the Devils of the Underworld, as well as the Fallen Angels, found out a thing or two about her existence. The Devil higher-ups who knew about the Sacred Gear residing in her body cooperated with the Grigori which specialised in Sacred Gear research to perform an analysis on Ingvild's ability.

What we knew about Ingvild's ability was that her power was infused in the song that she sang, and that the song was capable of affecting Dragons. And then, when the researches found out that she was raised in a beach city and took her to the sea of the human world, they realized that

there was another ability, the power to control the sea. Depending on its usage, those two special abilities might greatly affect the world, thus it was categorised as a new Longinus. On top of that, it was as a top-class one—. As to why her Sacred Gear — Longinus had awakened now, it looked like there hadn’t been any answers from the researchers. And amidst that, she concealed her whereabouts. I guess she must have been kidnapped by the beings with malicious intent upon finding out about the new classification of her Longinus. I asked once again.

“Hey, Ingvild. Why were you in that park and…that deserted area?”

I rushed to the point, but looking at her condition, it seemed like I couldn’t hide this information from her as well, so I decided to ask her directly. She murmured.

“…The sea”

“Huh?”

She continued as I heard her words.

“I saw the sea, and when I realised it, I was in an unfamiliar place…and when I was singing a song in that park, I met Red Dragon-san.”

…When you realised, you were in an unfamiliar place…

Ddraig said.

[There is a possibility that she teleported to places using magic circles unconsciously.]

…Was this also one of the after-effects of the sleeping disease?

But that shouldn’t be related…

Anyway, she did remember that she met me at the park.

“Did you remember the time you were at the place with deserted houses?”

I asked that. The place when she suddenly appeared and sang a song that made Bova and me suffer.

“…?”

She looked at me with her orange eyes and only shook her head. …So she didn’t remember about that… Was it unconsciously or was it under someone’s orders?

Well, as I didn’t feel any hostility, I thought the latter one might be a possibility when she appeared near the deserted areas. I should have Rossweisse-san investigate if any spells were done on her, and I guess we’d know then. Uhmm…I didn’t think that this conversation would proceed any further, so I guess I should ask about her instead.

“Ingvild, you are—”

After that, I asked about what happened after she woke up. This was her answer… She was supposed to be spending her days in the human world, yet she was in the Underworld when she woke up. She knew the fact that she bore Devil’s blood. She went to the Underworld in order to heal her sleeping disease. It seemed like she was also told about the fact that a Sacred Gear resided in her body. The Devils and Fallen Angel researchers were also kind and they were helpful. She knew that the power was in her singing voice. She was surprised when a Dragon that cooperated in the experiment appeared in front of her, but it fell asleep when she sang a song, and she found it cute. She was brought to

the sea in the human world in the middle of an experiment. And it seemed like it was there when she remembered…her hometown, the beach city. And then, she was also told the fact that — more than a hundred years had passed.

"… I was seventeen years old. But, when I woke up, I was told that I am a one hundred and seventeen year old granny. Yet when I looked in the mirror, my appearance is still seventeen years old… Strange, huh?"

Ingvild murmured something rather sad. Having strong Devil blood in her, it appeared that her characteristics tended to be that of a Devil since her lifespan was about the same as a Devil. Because of that, her appearance didn't change even after a hundred years. Well, since she was a Devil, she could change her looks by using demonic energy so there wouldn't be any bodily changes caused by aging. But, she had been living as a human, so it must have been difficult for her to grasp the concept when she fell ill to that sleeping disease. Even though she had been sleeping for a hundred years, she was still alive. She didn't grow old, and when she looked at the mirror, her reflection was exactly the same as when she was seventeen years old. She then said something impressive.

"I heard that my mother and father are dead. I'm sure that the granny who lived next to me, that kid who lived up the hill, and the fisherman who often delivered fish to us have already passed away. —It's as if the present time was just a dream."

…I couldn't answer her. This was my first time dealing with a case like this…I was screwed… Asia opened her mouth amidst that.

"Ise-san. Let's go to the sea with everyone."

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O-Ohhhhhh! Nice advice, Asia-chan! As expected from my bride!

“That’s nice! Ingvild!”

I stood up and said to Ingvild.

“Let’s go to the sea! I’ll convince my friends so that I can take you to the sea!”

She said that she was lost because she wanted to see the sea. If that was the case, then she might remember something and recover her lost sensations if we brought her to the sea! Ingvild tilted her head in curiosity, but I quickly decided to discuss it with my friends—.

Part 3

“Going to the sea after the summer holiday feels great too, huh.”

“Indeed!”

The ones who said that were Xenovia and Irina in their swimsuits as they jumped into the sea. After I talked to Rias and my other comrades about the situation, we agreed to go to the beach together with the new and old Occult Research Club members in order to increase our guard against the people that targeted her and watch over her closely. And as such, we transported ourselves to a beach that was owned by the Gremory family in the human world the next day. The sand was different from the beach that we went to before. It was an unpopulated island with white sand and the best ocean view! I got goosebumps just by looking at it! A barrier was cast upon the surroundings of the Island by Rossweisse-

san. We also prepared a cave in the unpopulated island where the bats of the Vampire group could wait and go out in case of emergency, as the sun was pretty bright. Gasper, who was okay under the sun, was under a parasol saying ‘It sure is hot’, looking exhausted. As you could see, we were divided into those who chose to swim and those who chose to rest under parasols. Well, I was personally thankful that the girls had changed into swimsuits. It was a feast for my eyes after all! And Ingvild was—.

“…”

She only stood on the sand and stared at the sea. We made sure to always look after her as well. I said to Asia.

“It’s nice that you suggested that we all go to the beach, Asia.”

As I said that, Asia made a smile and answered.

“Yes. Walking in an unknown area will probably make her feel uneasy, so…I thought maybe it’d be great if we take Ingvild-san somewhere familiar so she can calm down.”

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… I see, Asia came to Japan as she was chased out because of the power that resided in her body after all… I guess she knew how Ingvild would feel. I asked Rossweisse-san.

“There’s not gonna be any problem even if the guys who target Ingvild show up here, right?”

It was quite a challenge to bring her to the sea as her Sacred Gear was related to the sea and the people who

wanted to abduct her might show up again. Rossweisse-san said.

“Yes. I’ve set up a magic barrier that will forcefully transport them to the Grigori’s research institute if they do really come and target her. Our plan was originally to bring her here once she settled with us after all.”

Rias asked Rossweisse.

“Rossweisse, explain that conversation from a little while ago to everyone.”

Rossweisse-san nodded and said to everyone resting under the parasols

“What I can conclude from the Grigori’s information and my research about Ingvild-san is that magic was cast on her which forcefully transports her even to remote places. In other words, it’s brainwashing. That is the reason why she appeared in the Devils’ subjugation and sealed Issei and Bova’s power. But despite being quite powerful, it appears to not function properly as it was inconsistent.”

Despite being a powerful brainwashing technique, it was not functioning properly… What a weird story. Rossweisse-san continued.

“The magic was a God-class’ one. It is ancient Olympus magic. The one who abducted her must be one of the rulers of Hell, who is Olympus’ primordial God. As for the why the magic didn’t function properly, probably, the power that Ingvild was born with…the demonic power of the descendant of the Maou Leviathan resists it. My opinion is that even God-class magic won’t be able to affect the demonic power of Maou’s descendants easily.”

Yes, I just heard that. The one who abducted her was one of the primordial Gods of Olympus. I'd heard some of the rulers of Hell were primordial Gods. You could say that they were always sharp and alert given that they acted pretty soon after acquiring information on the new Longinus.

"It'll probably take some time to dispel the magic as it's still being analysed."

As expected of Rossweisse-san! It looked like she was already on the move. Rossweisse-san continued further.

"The Grigori also had some information about Ingvild-san's Sacred Gear.

The power to appease Dragons and control the sea…it looks like the former is stronger, but the latter is said to be improving…"

So the power to appease Dragons was stronger. …Well, I personally thought that that was the troublesome one. Rias said.

"I don't know which primordial God is the mastermind, but the power they seek must be the former one. The sea one is…even if they can use it, I don't think they will."

"And the reason is?"

As I asked that, Rias answered.

"There's no sea in the Underworld. That means there's no meaning in having that power. Even if Devils and Fallen Angels do get in their way, they can't do anything if there's no sea. Even though there are some lakes, I doubt it will have any effect…

But there is a chance that it can change its special characteristic into a subspecies

.

Ingvild grew up in a seaside city and wanted to see the ocean even in this situation, so I can’t imagine that she could master the ability to control lakes now.”

Rias looked at Ingvild. She had been staring at the sea, and sometimes would walk to it. Rias continued.

“Also, they won’t use the power to control the sea in the human world. They can’t just deny the Gods whom people believed in. After all, Gods are supposed to save humans. Even if the transcendental beings of other religions became

despised

, they can’t just do foolish things like destroying the human world. But it’s another matter if they become desperate.”

So even a God couldn’t destroy the beings who believed in them, huh. Well, I guess that was true. The God we were fighting wasn’t a crafty terrorist like Rizevim. That’s what I would like to believe, but I thought that there were already a significant number of casualties from the human side as a result of the unknown Devils and Grim Reapers that were sent to Kuoh town and its surroundings. Akeno-san also added.

“However, it’s a troublesome power… I guess they are thinking that it’s nice to have Ingvild-san’s power close at hand.”

She could control the sea anytime she wanted, you know! I guess there was some meaning in having someone who could oppress Gods of other mythologies close at hand. I see, so in conclusion, there was a high possibility that it was the primordial Gods that were part of the rulers of Hell that abducted Ingvild-san. Ingvild-san's power to control Dragons was more dominant. Brainwashing magic was cast upon Ingvild. But, the magic looked like it wasn't stable and didn't function properly as it was intended? …So did it mean the primordial Gods wanted the power to quell Dragons? I then said.

"So the mastermind's goal is Ingvild's power to suppress Dragons, huh?"

The Dragon inside me spoke so that everyone could hear.

[Dragons are the strongest beings even among all mythologies. Especially nowadays, since beings like partner, Vali Lucifer, and Crom Cruach who can easily deal with Gods have appeared. Plus, ways of getting stronger using the power of Dragons are established. Some good examples are Asia Argento who controls Fafnir, Saji Genshirou who wears the Dragon King's armor, and the current chief God of the Norse mythology, Vidar. If it is possible to control these strong Dragons with the power of the song…I'm sure mythologies could be easily changed.]

…I see, by suppressing and controlling the strongest living being, it was possible to change mythologies. And once again, I knew the terror of a top-class Longinus. Another top-class Longinus was… he Dimension Lost that was owned by Georg of the Hero Faction could also transport a large number of people to arbitrary places in extreme cases. Depending on the way it was used, it could even destroy a whole country. If one were to be transported into a place

where no living being could live…it was terrifying. Similarly, the Annihilation Maker that was owned by Leonardo of the Hero Faction could produce a large number of giant monsters in extreme cases. A small country would just be trampled over in mere hours.

The tools that can destroy Gods—. Longinus were called that, but in reality, that name seemed to be connected with abilities that were simply powerful and abnormal.

It was natural that all mythologies were closely observing the Longinus users. Well, as long as one wasn't considered as an enemy, they were actually quite free to do whatever they wanted. It wasn't like Longinus users like me always had rigid thoughts. …I also wanted Ingvild to be like that. That's why, if I didn't protect her from the people who brainwashed her—. Rias smiled.

"Fufufu, Ise, you are making a face that says 'I will protect her no matter what'."

Did my face show what I was thinking? I scratched the back of my head as I smiled wryly.

"Hahaha, I just can't help it as I see a girl who is troubled."

The girls that gathered under the parasols lightly laughed in response to this. Asia said.

"But thanks to that, I was saved too."

Akeno-san continued.

"That's the good part of our husband. —And…"

Akeno-san took out several baskets that she brought. She opened it and took out sandwiches and onigiri!

“Let’s have a meal, shall we?”

Ooh! Akeno-san’s handmade bento! This was the best! As if knowing that lunch had been taken out, everyone who was playing in the sea also rushed here.

“Lunch, huh!”

“I’ll eat! I’ll eat!”

Xenovia and Irina quickly rushed over and came under the parasols.

“… Let’s hurry up and eat.”

Koneko-chan, who liked eating, already took out plates and drinks as she was in her battle mode. Ravel said to me.

“Ise-sama, why don’t we invite Ingvild to join us.”

That’s right. I stood up from that place, and—

“All right, I’ll call her.”

I walked over to Ingvild. As I got closer to her while she was still staring at the sea—.

“—♪ —♪”

I could hear her singing voice. My Dragon power was not

affected

, and it was just like normal… No, what a beautiful voice. It was gentle, and just hearing it made me feel calm and healed—. As if she had noticed my presence, she stopped singing.

“As expected, you’re great at singing.”

As I gave such praise, Ingvild went silent for a moment before saying.

“…Thanks.”

“No, no, I am serious, your singing is really great.”

As I said that, she shook her head.

“Thank you for bringing me to the sea.”

She finally — smiled a little bit. It was a really, really cute smile. I stood next to her and asked.

“The sea, so you really like it, eh?”

“… I was born and raised in a seaside city, so of course, I was exposed to the sound, colour and smell of the sea.”

Well, of course you would fall in love with the sea. I then said to her.

“Let’s go to the sea again then.”

“…But, after this, I will go somewhere where my powers are going to be studied, right? I may not be able to come.”

“That’s not true. I will bring you to the sea.”

Her orange eyes reflected me within them—.

“Really?”

“Yes. I might look like this, but I am actually a celebrity in the Devil world. Plus, I am a little bit well known by the higher-ups. I am sure bringing a girl to the sea won’t be any

problem. If I say ‘She’s my friend!’, it will work somehow. If the research facility refuses, just say ‘I am the Oppai Dragon’s friend!’, and I’m sure it will give you some flexibility.”

As I said that, she opened her mouth and slightly laughed.

“Fufu. Okay. I will become Oppai Dragon’s friend.”

“Yeah, let’s be friends. Also, my name’s Ise. Everyone calls me that. You should, too.”

“Ise. Okay, Ise.”

Great. It looked like I should be able to get close to her. Having been asleep for more than a hundred years, Ingvild had already lost her relatives, and even her fate was being toyed with by her own powers. I strongly felt that, at the very least, I wanted to be her friend. Oh, that’s right, I was about to invite her to have lunch.

“Ingvild, let’s have—.”

It was the moment I called out. —The uninhabited island was filled with darkness! It was perfectly sunny before, but now, it was like night as the darkness spread.

My comrades were also alert and stood up in response to the situation! Rossweisse-san looked up at the sky! As she did that, she saw the barriers surrounding this uninhabited island get affected as cracks could be seen! It was certain that someone was attacking us from the outside!

“Kuh!”

Rossweisse-san reached up to the sky with her hands and created magic circles. She was trying to strengthen the

barrier. However, the barrier was broken before that! The sound ‘Boom!’ could be heard as the barrier was destroyed. Soon after the barrier was destroyed, a black aura swirled around in front of us in a corner of the sandy beach as a human figure appeared there. The one who stood there was — a woman who wore a cute frilly dress. She had long, black hair and looked like a child that anyone would want to protect. And above all, her clothes really emphasised her breasts! Because she was wearing a corset jumper skirt, her breasts were pushed up to appear more voluptuous… My eyes were completely fixed on her oppai! Also, her breasts were pretty big! However, we knew that that girl was unusual as a tremendous dark aura covered her body. I stood in front of Ingvild and became more alert, and the reason I did that was because she was staring at Ingvild. I was sure she must be the mastermind who was targeting her. The cute girl who was letting out dark aura boldly introduced herself as she swept her hair back.

[‘Sekiryuutei of the Blazing Truth’ Hyoudou Issei and his master Rias Gremory, nice to meet you. I am one of the primordial Gods of Olympus, Nyx, the Goddess of Night.]

—The Goddess of Night, Nyx! So the primordial Gods had appeared! Everyone became even more alert in response to her introduction. I could feel that her aura was unpleasant! I quickly equipped my crimson armour and prepared myself. She looked amused upon seeing our reaction. Nyx covered her mouth with her hand as she laughed.

[Hohoho, I’ve heard that the present Sekiryuutei is a pervert, but you sure don’t let your guard down. —The aura of the Dragon that resides in your body is truly frightening.]

Her comments made me think that she could even see the power that resided within me, or what my current body was

made of. I lost my body once during a big incident called the [Demonic Beast Riot]. At that time, I borrowed the power of the two Dragon Gods, Apocalypse Dragon Great Red and Ouroboros Dragon Ophis, and was revived. Great Red and Ophis had a strong impact on my present body. I asked Nyx.

“What do you plan to do with Ingvild!?”

Nyx looked at Ingvild as she said.

[The Longinus that this girl owns is on a whole other level. After all, it could control the sea and even stop Dragons in extreme cases. It is the ability to control Dragons, which are a symbol of power… Although you guys might already know this, what we want is the power to control Dragons. Nefarious Dragons like you, White Dragon Emperor Vali Lucifer, and Evil Dragon Crom Cruach will surely be a threat to us in the future. That’s why we need a strategy. And then, in the end, I want to try to control Ophis and Great Red.]

You sure said it clearly! It actually felt refreshing to hear such hostile statements spoken clearly! But, you couldn’t use Ingvild!

“I can’t overlook the fact that you want to use this girl! Also, even if you are a God, the fact you are a girl means that I can use my special attack!”

She might be trying to kidnap Ingvild one more time, but I wouldn’t let it happen! —The early bird gets the worm! I expanded the wild thoughts inside my head and created a mysterious pink space! The magic burst open and spread wider!

“Worldly desires, release! Pailingual!”

It was one of my techniques! By expanding my wild thoughts, it was my personal magic to create a space that let me hear the thoughts of a woman’s breasts. And when I did that, the enemy’s breasts would act as a speaker for its master. Although it only worked against women, if the target had been decided, it couldn’t be prevented! Of course, I wouldn’t use this on men! I only wanted to hear to women’s oppai!

“Hey! The oppai of the Goddess! Let me hear your voice!”

I asked the oppai of the Goddess Nyx! My magic completely enveloped Nyx! Now, I just needed to ask the questions! …However, no matter how much I waited, Nyx’s oppais still didn’t speak to me. …Impossible, my almost perfect skill…

didn’t do anything

!? It didn’t work!? My body trembled because of the bizarre result as I said.

“… My Pailingual isn’t working!”

[Wha-!?]

Everyone was completely shocked in response to my words. Xenovia screamed.

“T-That’s impossible! There is a girl that can withstand Ise’s breast technique!?”

Irina continued.

“I-Is it possible that it doesn’t work against God-class beings!?”

Gasper suggested another possibility.

“I-It might also be an effect of not using Dragon Deification.”

Yes, I could transform even further. Though I did get the power that let me fight against God-class beings, I decided to use it only in important times as it really made me tired. Well, I guess it wouldn’t work with this crimson armor as the enemy was the primordial Goddess of Night, Nyx. If an all-out fight did break out, I would have to use that form. However, Nyx denied what Gasper had just said.

[Fufufu, that’s not it. I just came up with a strategy against Oppai Dragon.]

A strategy? Just for me? And she blocked Pailingual with that? My technique was very popular in a way. It was only natural that Nyx knew about this. This meant that she thought that it’d be bad if we knew what’s inside her heart, so she came up with a plan. But, I still had another way! After all, I still had techniques that only worked against women!

“If that’s the case, then I’ll just touch you directly and use Dress Break!”

Dress Break! I would blow away those cute clothes! I would also blow away the spell that was cast upon her body! My Dress Break could blow away not only women’s clothing, but also all kinds of spells that were cast upon a woman’s body! I made the boosters on my back appear, and flew forward. It was at this moment that Rias said ‘Wait’.

“Wait, Ise! …Something’s wrong. It’s like she’s waiting for you to use Dress Break!”

—! …Nyx was waiting for me to use Dress Break…? While I was puzzled, I looked at Nyx, and the Goddess laughed inappropriately.

[As expected of Rias Gremory, the master of Sekiryuutei. That’s right, I am waiting for the Sekiryuutei’s attack. Because that way, I can easily kill him.]

Kill me easily!? Did she think that because she’s a Goddess!? I was troubled by the Goddess’ mocking expression. Nyx pat her cute dress and said.

[As a plan against the Sekiryuutei, I created this clothing. These clothes are the ‘Godly Virgin Killer Clothes’.]

[—!?]

Everyone including me was shocked in response to this report… After that, we didn’t know what we should do! V-Virgin Killer Clothes!? W-Well, it was true that…I was that! So those clothes had an effect towards virgins! Nyx’s cute clothes started to send out sinister waves! Nyx laughed scornfully as she said with amusement.

[I deliberately created these clothes so that a virgin’s attacks won’t get through. Although this restricts the enemies, I obtained information saying that the Sekiryuutei is a virgin, and it looks like it was really quite effective.]

P-Pailingual really didn’t have any effect at all!

If that’s the case, Dress Break would also…! No, before that, just by touching her, I would be…! It was possible to use Dress Break from far away, but as long as Nyx wore those clothes, it wouldn’t have any effect! Nyx held the hem of her skirt and said.

[The fact that you are a virgin means that if you touch me, the curse will start and you will die. Similarly, I can deflect all attacks made by virgins. —Your attack won’t get through to me, Sekiryuutei Hyoudou Issei.]

…! …S-So with that, my attacks wouldn’t do anything…!

“That’s impos-!”

I shot out my magic bullet — Dragon Shot at Nyx! — However, even though it clearly hit her, Nyx took no damage at all! Was it really true that any attacks from virgins wouldn’t affect her!? I was crushed by my own shock and collapsed on the spot!

…To think that my virginity was turned against me…! By the way, what in the world was the curse to kill virgins!? Was the world that hard-headed!? Akeno-san seriously said this in response to the result.

“… As expected, I should’ve taken Ise’s first time even if I had to use force.”

Koneko-chan, who looked speechless, said.

“…For now, I can only say this is the worst.”

Yep, I thought so too! The two swordswomen Xenovia and Irina went to the front and equipped their swords.

“Irina and I are women. The effect won’t work on us!”

“Yes, that’s right! Let’s follow darling after this!”

“What, does that mean that you want to be embraced by Issei? You never change, perverted Angel.”

“No, t-that’s not what I mean!”

…This swordswomen combo was surely… Nyx laughed loudly as she saw this situation.

[You are right. If the enemies are women, these clothes won’t have any meaning. However, it’s enough to seal the Sekiryuutei’s movement. —It’s not like you guys don’t know the real power of a God, right?]

Nyx let out an overwhelming aura from her body! Just by doing that, the atmosphere of the whole area surged as strong gales were generated. The sea also started to become choppy! Just by the quality and amount of aura alone, we knew that she was a bad opponent for us!

The only one who could fight against a God-class independently in this place besides me was… Rias. By enveloping herself in Gasper's true power, she could hold an enormous amount of magic. B-But, as Gya-suke was similar to me, who had no experience with women, even if he did the body-combination technique, there was a possibility that it wouldn't do anything. W-What about…Kiba? Many of his Devil's Job's customers were women, but…the fact that he was alert at Nyx like me… W-Well, putting that aside, my brave female comrades entered their fighting stances. I was really sorry that I couldn't be of any use at this time! I was apologising inside my heart, but Nyx's eyes looked like she was plotting something bad, and she said.

[Ingvild. —Sing.]

When I turned back and looked at Ingvild—.

"…Uu…UuuuUUUU!"

Ingvild was cowering painfully! It must be because Nyx ordered the activation of the brainwashing technique that was cast upon Ingvild! Was the reason behind the forceful transportation not activating because of the power of a primordial God!?

"Ingvild! Are you okay!?

When I tried to get closer to her, her eyes glowed suspiciously and light purple orbs started to appear around her! Ingvild opened her mouth—.

"—♪ —♪"

What a beautiful singing voice—. My power left my body in an instant—. …My vision got blurry and my head was spinning so badly that I couldn't bear to stand up… …My

crimson armour was also released as I dropped on my knees…

“Kuh…!”

I wasn’t the only one suffering.

[…G-Guoooooo….! T-This is….my power…!]

Ddraig also let out a voice of anguish… …To think that the abilities of the special attack against Dragons would be this harsh…! There was the Dragon Eater Samael, as well as the final anti-Dragon weapon — Dragon Slayer…! But Ingvild’s power…was also quite dangerous…!

…Ddraig, will the armor still be removed if I use Dragon Deification?

[…You’ll surely have more resistance… But there is a high possibility that…you won’t be able to…bring out its natural function because of the song…!]

…So that meant even Dragon Deification…couldn’t fully prevent it…! A top-tier Longinus was surely frightening…! Nyx laughed as she saw me suffering.

[You do know that I cast mind-control magic on her, don’t you? That magic can control the Sacred Gear from far away. That’s why there’s not gonna be any problem even if I don’t bring her home today. …Well, not being able to fully control her is a problem. Allowing her to meet you guys…no, meeting you was a correct choice.]

…What did that mean? Nyx explained her evil plans clearly to me while I suffered.

[If you guys know about her circumstances, you can't ignore her, can you? If you send her to the Grigori facilities, then we might target her. If you guys have her by your side, she might get controlled and cause damage to you guys. If you think about it, she's quite hard to grasp, right? If that's the case, you guys would rather just put her to sleep again and call it a 'seal'. Or — kill her. But, you can't do either of that, can you? After all, you are the kind Oppai Dragon.]

…

…This girl…she knew about all of that, and created this situation, huh…! She knew that if I met Ingvild and found out about her situation, I would try to protect her once I knew about what kind of being she was…! Seal? Kill? There was no way I could do that! It was impossible! I met this girl and we talked and laughed with each other! There's no way I could just disregard someone who thought me as her friend! And this Goddess knew about that! She knew from the beginning that it would turn out like this…!

"…I won't forgive…you…!"

Even though I had no power because of the song, I had to try to stand up even if that meant forcing myself. It was so frustrating that I glared at Nyx with eyes full of tears! Nyx sneered as she said to me, to all of us.

[If you want to save her by all means, you don't have any choice but to defeat me. Even if you do manage to dispel the magic, another layer of protection would just be invoked. I have already cast several spells on her. And even if you have some specialists, it would take six months at the very least to dispel. In those six months, I can use Ingvild to do a lot of things, you know? If you don't want that, it's

better to seal her. Or maybe kill her. The choice is in your hands! Hahahahahahahaha!]

The Goddess of Night left us with those words as she heightened her magic and flew into the sky. The darkness that covered this uninhabited island also disappeared along with Nyx, returning it to normal. At the same time, the brainwashing magic had also worn down as Ingvild collapsed to the ground. I made a vow to myself as I grasped the sand tightly.

—I will defeat anyone who wishes to harm my friends, even if it’s a God…or a Goddess. Nyx, I will definitely defeat you—.

Life.4 I’ll Always Save My Friend

We returned from the beach to the Hyoudou Residence and reported the situation to the higher-ups as we let Ingvild sleep in one of the spare rooms prepared for visitors to use. In the top floor of the Hyoudou residence — the VIP room, we discussed our next moves with Maou Beelzebub-sama via a magic circle. But, it’s clear what I must do! Beelzebub-sama said.

[About Nyx’s actions…I planned to confirm this with all mythologies, and…we’ve got the permission of Olympus’ current chief God, Apollon-dono.]

“—So that means…”

Beelzebub-sama replied clearly to Rias’s question.

[They don’t mind if it’s [DxD] who defeats Nyx. However, they want you guys to seal her.]

—! That was good news! I thrust my right fist against the palm of my left hand! The chief God of that mythology — Apollon-san had given his permission! So that meant Olympus had also judged Nyx’s actions. That being said, we didn’t know the whereabouts of the enemy…and as such, we couldn’t go out even if we wanted to. —Suddenly, there were two people who entered the room!

“Hmph, as expected, you guys ended up making a God your enemy, huh. As expected of you.”

The one who said that was Cao Cao and — a man who brought along a huge black dog with him. The one who brought the black dog, Jin, was the leader of the Fallen Angel organisation Grigori's agent team [Slash Dog], Ikuse Tobio-san. He was dressed in a black combat suit, as well as a black coat. He was also a member of the anti-terrorist team [DxD].

"Cao Cao, and even Ikuse-san."

As I confirmed those two, Ikuse-san gave his greetings along with a particularly shocking piece of information.

"Hey, Hyoudou Issei-kun. I've brought you a piece of information. —It's Nyx's hiding place."

[—!]

Everyone was shocked in response to this! Of course! It was just what we needed right now after all! Cao Cao answered in response to this.

"While we were searching for the unknown Devils' birthplace…in other words, their bases in the human world, we found out that there were three of them. A lot of people could be seen coming in and out in one of those places, and we sensed the presence of a God-class being. Along with the information provided by the Olympus, it's highly possible that it's Nyx."

Are you serious?! I'm so grateful! Beelzebub-sama said.

[The 'investigation' that I asked Cao Cao to perform was to obtain this information. It'll be easier to deal with the unknown Devils if we know about their movements and bases. As such, I asked Cao Cao-kun's team, as well as Ikuse

Tobio-kun’s team, to investigate their bases both in the Underworld and the human world.]

I see! Those two teams were perfect for gathering information after all! As expected of them, they did manage to produce great results! By the way, it was really reassuring to see the power of [DxD]’s members once again at times like these. It was only natural to expect this from the lineup composed of people who deterred those with wicked thoughts. Cao Cao asked us one more time.

“You heard him. It’s up to you guys whether you go or not, but…in the worst case scenario, Tobio, as well as I, will surely be ordered by the higher-ups to deal with them. But I’m sure you guys are already aware of that, right?”

“…So either we seal Ingvild, or dispose of her, huh?”

As I replied with such words, Cao Cao, as well as Ikuse-san, went ‘Yes’ as they answered with their eyes. Cao Cao said.

“What I mean by sealing is, sealing her Sacred Gear’s ability. At the very least, until we can deal with Nyx’s ability… Although I think it’s better to seal it until we can defeat the Goddess of the Night, there are risks. There’s the fact that the power of Ingvild Leviathan’s Sacred Gear awakened and awoke her from her sleeping illness. If we seal her Sacred Gear, it’s highly possible that her illness will return. On top of that, there is no guarantee that she will wake up the next time.”

—! …What a…! Even though she finally woke up… It was a hard choice…! That meant sealing her was akin to putting her life in danger! If that was the case, then there was no meaning even if we defeated Nyx! Ikuse-san said.

“…We don’t want to do that, do we? I also knew about her situation after all. I’d like to avoid that even in the worst case scenario. …However, if push comes to shove, what are you guys going to do?”

I couldn’t quickly answer Ikuse-san’s question—.

“…You can kill her, you know?”

There was a voice from behind. As we turned back, we could see Ingvild enter the VIP room through the door. It looked like she woke up and overheard us. With downcast eyes, she said.

“If my powers bring trouble to many people, I’m fine with being killed.”

I replied in response to her words!

“What are you saying!? Even though you finally woke up!?”

Ingvild made a painful face as she squeezed her voice out.

“…Even though I woke up, the people I knew are no longer here… That’s why no one will grieve for me.”

So you felt that way… —It was as if the present was more like a dream.

I found the things that she said yesterday very sad. She got the sleeping illness before she knew it, and over a hundred years had passed when she woke up… She knew that her parents, as well as her acquaintances, were no longer in this world. Even if I die, no one would be sad—. Though she might be thinking that way, it was wrong! It was absolutely wrong! I conveyed my thoughts to her directly.

“There will be. I will mourn. Is that not good?”

“—”

She looked really surprised from the bottom of her heart to hear my words. I continued without minding her.

“It was a bizarre meeting, and it was a short one as well, but I got to become your friend. That’s why, I will save you. Will you please believe in me? Let’s go to the beach together again.”

Asia held Ingvild’s hand as if responding to my appeal and said with a kind expression

“Ingvild-san. Please believe in Ise-san. I am also here because…I was saved by this person. That’s why I want you to believe in him.”

I see. Somehow, I felt like this situation had probably happened before… It was the same as the time when I met Asia a year and a half ago. Asia came to Japan without having anyone by her side… Her days were full of sadness. And at that time, I cheered Asia up. Asia must’ve been thinking about that time as she talked to Ingvild. As if Asia’s emotions were conveyed to her, Ingvild teared up.

“…Please help me. If I were to fall asleep again… I don’t want to lose another friend…”

She told us her true feelings with tears—. Hearing that was more than enough. I will fight for that reason. I can go defeat a God! I spoke to Ikuse-san.

“—I will go. I will defeat Nyx.”

Ikuse-san laughed with satisfaction in response to my words. Cao Cao on the other hand went ‘yare, yare’ as he shrugged and made a bitter smile, as if he had predicted my reaction. Along with my psyched up words, Rias stood up and laughed boldly.

“It’s we Ise. Let’s show them that they have made the wrong choice messing with the Gremory Peerage and the Occult Research Club.”

As expected of my girlfriend! We had the same idea! My comrades sharing the same opinion also responded with ‘Of course!’ and ‘Let’s get them!’! All right! Now that everyone had the same goal, let’s move on to the preparations! —As I thought that, Xenovia pulled my hand.

“Ise. The plan against Nyx.”

“Hm? Oh, what’ll we do?”

Xenovia declared in response to my question.

“—Hold me tight. It’s time for you to know about women!”

—! T-This girl…! She suddenly said such things at this time! B-But, it’s true that I couldn’t do anything since Nyx was wearing the [Godly Virgin Killer Clothes]. Irina followed in response to this!

“Wait! That means being darling’s first girl, right!? Isn’t that an important thing…?”

It’s just like what Irina said; my first partner is important! Xenovia said.

“Nope. It’s not the time to talk about those things, right? It’s something that should be settled quickly. Just leave it to

me. I know a lot of things. If you leave this to me and Ise, Ise's body will become one that can fight Nyx within a few minutes."

Akeno-san interrupted too!

"That can't happen. —I'll be his first woman. However, ending it quickly would be bad for my dear husband, so if you give us an hour, I will make him fully taste 'a woman'!"

On top of that, Ravel screamed.

"W-W-Wait a moment pleaseeeee! Rias-sama is the first! At times like these, we have to earn the permission from Rias-sama! B-But, I'm fine with doing it though! I am his manager after all!"

Everyone turned to Rias in response to Ravel's words (she sure said some bold things!). Rias's face…turned red! She said to me while fidgeting.

"…To think that it has turned out this way… B-But, I also don't like being overtaken by Akeno and Xenovia…! If that's the case, I'll be Ise's partner!"

Bu! I had a nosebleed because of the girls' actions and Rias's response! For God's sake, what are you saying, everyone!? However, I'm grateful! It's reassuring that the girls would come up with this for my sake! Cao Cao murmured as he saw this.

"It's also possible that what Nyx said was a bluff."

Kiba asked Cao Cao.

"What do you mean?"

Cao Cao answered.

“It’s true that it managed to block an attack once, but it’s also possible that there is a limit and that the spell might be undone after several attacks. Another possibility is that they’re not [Virgin Killer Clothes], but rather [Dragon Attack Blocking Clothes].”

Beelzebub-sama gave his piece of mind in response to this.

[Although it does have strong defence, it might be torn down with your black armor’s Longinus Smasher. Or you could heighten the Power of Destruction, and by using that —]

The girls interrupted Cao Cao and Beelzebub-sama as they screamed together.

[Geez! Don’t say such unnecessary things!]

Cao Cao along with Beelzebub-sama went ‘O-Okay…’ in response to the girls’ demonstration of power. In the end, would I only be able to fight by having my first experience? Things such as the possibility that the enemy was still hiding something came to mind. Also, the girls agreed that it was best if my first experience had a nice mood, so they decided to shelve a rushed and tension-filled first experience. And so, we began the preparations to head to the hideout of Nyx and the mysterious Devils that Cao Cao and Ikuse-san told us about—.

Part 2

In the basement of the Hyoudou Residence, there was a large transportation magic circle where we’d gather whenever we wanted to go somewhere. We had planned to

jump to a location close to Nyx’s secret base. As we approached the transportation room, we came across three girls in the hall. They were three loli girls. One of the small girls had black hair and wore a goth-loli dress, and there was also another girl who looked just like her — Ophis and Lilith. The third person was a girl who had blonde hair, along with a fox’s ears and tail — Kunou.

Because of complicated circumstances, Ophis was under my care as well now. Originally, she was the Khaos Brigade’s leader. Though she might look cute, her real identity was the world’s strongest being, the Ouroboros Dragon. Although her power had become weaker than before, we became the ones who protected her as a lot of things happened.

The other girl who looked exactly like Ophis was Lilith. She was the spawn of Ophis. Like Ophis, she was also under my care because of very complicated circumstances. Having the same name as the mother of Devils, there were cases where when my comrades heard the word [Lilith], they would be confused about which one it referred to. Lilith along with Ophis were being looked after in the Hyoudou Residence.

Kunou was the daughter of the Nine-Tailed Fox, the fox who governed the Youkai of Kyoto, Yasaka-san. This made her a princess of the Youkai. We knew each other through the event that Cao Cao and the Hero Faction caused, and after that, she decided to do a homestay in the Hyoudou Residence. Currently, Kunou was enrolled in the elementary school of Kuoh Academy while she learned about the humans’ way of life. She was also an auxiliary member of the Occult Research Club. The three of them stood in front of me. Kunou worryingly said.

“Ise, I’ve heard the news. Are you are going to go fight against an evil God?”

I replied with a smile.

“Yeah, just a little skirmish. I have to make her pay now that she has made my friend cry.”

Kunou strongly nodded in response to my words.

“Umu! Although I’ve just talked a little bit with Ingvild-dono, she’s not a bad person! I want you to save her!”

“Leave it to me!”

As I responded to Kunou’s words, Ophis said to me.

“Ise, if you believe in that armor’s power, you will be okay.”

—. …The armour obtained via Dragon Deification could only manifest because of the power that Ophis lent me. Hearing those words was like receiving an authorisation. I responded to Ophis cheerfully with ‘Got it!’. As I was seen off by those three, I went into the transportation room.

The people who had gathered in the transportation room were the new and old members of the Occult Research Club (Me, Rias, Asia, Akeno, Koneko-chan, Kiba, Gasper, Xenovia, Irina, Rossweisse-san, Ravel), Bova, Elmenhilde and Lint-san. As there was the possibility of an assault on Kuoh town and the Hyoudou Residence when we weren’t present, we left the caretaking to my junior, Nakiri Kouchin Ouryuu, and the former professional Rating Game player whom we had somehow been indebted to lately, Roygun Belphegor-san.

My junior Nakiri was the next head of the Nakiri clan that was said to be the top even amongst the supernatural groups who had been protecting Japan from the shadows. The glamorous Devil beauty with wavy pink hair was Roygun

Belphegor-san. The two horns that protruded from her head was her characteristic feature. A bewitching onee-sama. Both of them were also my teammates in the Rating Game World Tournament. There was another teammate called Bina Lessthan, but…because of circumstances, she couldn't show herself at a moment's notice like this. But with regards to this matter, that person had to be doing a follow-up on us from her place. Roygun-san said to me.

"Leave the caretaking to me. That being said, I don't think I'm gonna be of much use."

As she said that, Roygun-san looked at Ophis and Lilith. Well, if the Dragon God sisters were to become serious, I guess it would be safe even if a God attacked… Nakiri said to me.

"I've heard that the Sitri peerage will also be helping us on the lookouts, so please leave it to us. —I wish you luck. Please beat that Goddess."

"Yeah, I'm counting on you. I'll leave the rest to you then."

Just like Nakiri said, the Sitri family would also be helping us. If Sona-senpai and Saji were to help with defending the town, I guess there was no reason to worry. I asked Rias.

"And the others?"

What I meant to ask was if there was anyone else who'd be participating. Rias answered.

"This time, the other members of [DxD] are currently protecting their own locations. I can't get hold of Vali. I've contacted Crom Cruach, but it's still unknown if he'll come or not. I couldn't get hold of His Eminence Strada as well."

I see, so that meant the only ones going to Nyx's secret hideout were the people presently here. As Ikuse-san and Cao Cao would be helping us, they had already gone ahead to the designated place. Well, that meant we were going with these members for now. —Suddenly, Ravel brought Ingvild with her. Ravel said.

"Ingvild-sama will be waiting in a room where a strong barrier has been set up."

Yes, Ingvild would be staying at home. Of course, she would just be controlled by Nyx if we were to bring her along. …Should our mission fail, we'd end up having to seal her. Seal…if her illness relapsed, waking up for the second time would be—. As I turned my head back, I stopped thinking about it. I smiled and said to Ingvild.

"Wait for me. I will win for sure!"

She also smiled and nodded. After we were seen off by Ingvild and our comrades who were staying behind, we were enveloped in the light of transportation and got transported with the power of the magic circle drawn on the floor—.

Part 3

The place we were transported to was — Greece. It was one of the islands in the Mediterranean Sea — the Aegean sea. The island was not inhabited as it looked like there had been no human activity for quite a long time. …That being said, the sky was black. It was as if the whole area was shrouded in night…or should I say, it had become Nyx's territory. They had probably noticed our arrival at this place.

The island that we were transported to was not the island that Nyx was on. We stood on a cliff that faced the sea and looked at the island in front of us. …A powerful aura

enveloped the whole island. That island was Nyx’s hideout. We couldn’t directly jump to that island as a barrier had been erected around it, so we transported to this uninhabited island instead. Rias looked at us as she spoke.

“I’ve already said this back in the Hyoudou residence, but after this, Ikuse-san will cut open the barrier with his Balance Breaker. Once he does that, we’ll move onto that island. All right, everyone?”

[Understood!]

Everyone got fired up as they nodded in response to Rias’s confirmation. Now that we’ve come here, we have no choice but to rush in! Rias generated a crimson aura in her right hand and raised her hand up on the spot. This would be the signal for the [Slash Dog] team that was hiding somewhere. The Sacred Gear that Ikuse Tobio-san held was the Longinus [Canis Lykaon]. That black blade could cut through all physical things, as well as spells, at once. It was even called the Longinus that could cut Gods. That’s why, even if it was the barrier that a God erected—.

A single straight cut could be seen in the scenery in front of us. Not long after that, the barrier that was surrounding the Goddess of the Night’s hideout was completely torn apart and broken. Ikuse-san cut the Goddess’ barrier open! As he did that, a strong burst was released from the island, and we could feel the pressure piercing through our skin. … This aura, it was like she was telling us to come at her at anytime! As I affirmed with everyone, they showed spirited expressions! Rias gave the order!

“Let’s go!”

[Yeah!]

We spread our wings and flew into the sky, going towards the island in front of us!

It was when we were flying in the sky while heading to Nyx's base. Ddraig said to me.

[It's at times like these, partner. The power of the song of the girl that has the new Longinus, that is surely a scary one. You could say that she has the power to control Dragons, fundamental beings. If you hear her song, there is a high chance it would even affect you in your Dragon Deification form. You were right in leaving her behind.]

It must be quite the thing if even Ddraig said that.

"…Well, it might be new, but like mine, it's a Longinus. So of course it has great abilities."

However, Ddraig also said this.

[However, the fact that she can control Dragons means that if she changes to our side, she might be a plus to us.]

A plus, huh? I did hear once from someone that it was a singing voice that calmed the Dragons from ancient times. So that meant, according to how it might be used, it might be the opposite — it might be an important asset to us. He was right. I wanted to hear more of Ingvild's songs. She had a nice voice after all. If she…if she were to sing for our sake —. It was when I thought about such things. Xenovia screamed.

"They're coming!"

As we faced forward — there were countless human figures with their wings spread as they flew toward us! Ten…a hundred…five hundred…t-their number was over a

thousand! The human figures kept coming to us one after another! And some of them even looked like monsters! Every one of them had a Devil's aura! And as far as their aura went, many of them were High-class Devils! So they had already created this many High-class Devils! And, Nyx was the one controlling all of them…? Well, whatever it was, the guys that were coming to us all seemed hostile and were filled with the intent to kill! The sky of the island in front of us looked as though it was filled with the Unknown Devils — the new Devils that were created by Lilith! I quickly equipped my crimson armour and entered battle mode! Hehe, I had predicted that the Unknown Devils would be waiting for us! It was no use! My comrades also held their respective weapons, showing them that we were completely ready. —And, Xenovia immediately heightened the holy aura on her Holy Sword Durandal, preparing it for a powerful one-shot release to mark the beginning of the battle! As a specialty from the Gremory side, Xenovia was about to raise the curtains! Durandal Cannon! Durandal's holy aura kept rising as if it would pierce through the sky! And then, Xenovia swung Durandal down in front of her!

"Gooooooooooooooooooooo!"

Durandal's holy aura enveloped a great number of the Devils that were coming toward us! We also couldn't afford to lose! I fired Dragon Shots forward while Rias rained attacks down on them with her extraordinarily vast Power of Destruction!

"We're going!"

"Let's go!"

As Rias and I gave out the order, the new and old members of the Occult Research Club kicked the enemies

away as we headed for the island—.

Rias and I landed on the island as we defeated the newly created Devils. We then escorted the supporting members such as Asia to land. Asia flew over here riding an Evil Dragon that she controlled. Asia, Koneko-chan, Ravel, Elmenhilde and I landed on an abandoned building that we found while we were flying over the sky. The other members were having a great battle in the sky. It was an easy fight since Nyx hadn’t come out yet. The dark sky was full of auras of all sorts. We could also hear explosions all over the place. The abandoned building that I escorted Asia and the others to was — a church that didn’t even have any shadows. It looked like a Catholic church, but its walls were damaged, and the ceilings were full of holes. Most of the long chairs inside were also broken. The Vampire, Elmenhilde, said.

“I can’t feel even the slightest bit of holy power. I guess that’s the reason why a Vampire like me is fine with entering it.”

Like Devils, Vampires were also bad with things like these. Ravel said as she looked around the inside of the church.

“To think that there was a Catholic church built even on this island.”

Well, this was supposed to be the territory of the Olympus Gods. I guess the missionaries were so devout back then that even a church was… This must be one of the remains, as it also spread to other mythologies. —As I looked around the church, I was deeply moved. …There was also a worn-out church where I lived as well. Supposedly, the relevant people in Heaven planned to restore it and make it usable again.

“…”

As I had such thoughts, Asia spoke to me.

“Ise-san, is there something wrong?”

“No, it’s just that coming to a destroyed church like this made me remember the time when I met you, Asia.”

I continued.

“I still remember that I prayed to God that time, saying ‘please don’t take Asia away’. But in the end, the God of the Bible is no more…”

—Right, God! Hey God, you are there, right!? Devils and Angels exist, so God must exist too, right!? You are watching this, right!? You were watching, right!?

I hugged Asia, who had died after having her Sacred Gear extracted, and shouted such things toward the Heavens. I continued.

“I said ‘Please don’t take her away from me. I beg you. I said I beg you’. I prayed to the God who didn’t exist.”

That time, I was — weak. I was the weakest. However, it was different now. I didn’t have to pray anymore. I said to Asia.

“I won’t pray anymore. We will save Ingvild by ourselves.”

“Right!”

Asia responded to me. It was at that time. Koneko-chan’s ears suddenly moved. I also noticed it. —We felt the enemy’s presence. The Devils had gathered around the church. Koneko-chan, Ravel, Elmenhilde and I entered a counter-

attack stance to protect Asia. The Devils kept coming from the broken walls, ceilings, and the entrance of the church! I kept hitting the Devils that came at me. Koneko-chan also fired her Kasha — that had the power of purification! It gave the Devils severe wounds. Ravel also used the hell fire of the Phoenix — the Immortal bird, while Elmenhilde summoned her bats, disturbing the opponents. Although we could counter-attack them, their numbers were too great…We couldn't launch a large-scale attack inside this church either. It was best to go out and launch a wide-range attack on the entire place instead. As I thought about that, a holy aura flew over and turned the Devils who came at us to ashes. When I looked, the swordsman group composed of Xenovia, Irina, Kiba and Lint-san rushed to our side! They must have come to support us after fighting in the sky. Kiba said.

"Leave this one to us. You go first, Ise-kun!"

Xenovia and Irina said as they cut down the Devils with their Holy Swords.

"That's right, go deeper and find Nyx!"

"Yep, that's right! It's useless fighting malicious Devils in a ruined church!"

Lint-san also turned a number of Devils to ashes with her purple flames at once. Lint-san was actually a Longinus user. Having a cross called [Incinerate Anthem], one of the holy relic Longinus, its purple flames were super lethal for Devils. Lint-san also said to me as she released flames.

"I think Rias-leader and the others are also heading to the Goddess of the Night's place, so big bro Ise should also head there too. Don't wo~rry, leave the exorcism of these Devils to me."

While moving acrobatically in the sky, she shot out light bullets from a specially-made gun that the Church had prepared. Koneko-chan and Ravel said to me while attacking the Devils.

“…Senpai, let’s go. We’ll be scolded by Rias-sama if we’re late.”

“Ise-sama! Let’s head there!”

Responding to Xenovia’s and the others’ kindness, I decided to leave this place! I fired a Dragon Shot as I charged forward. The Devils evaded, clearing a path for me to get out of the place along with Asia, Koneko-chan, Ravel, and Elmenhilde! I spoke to Xenovia and the others just before I ran through the entrance of the church.

“I’ll leave the rest to you!”

The swordsmen group nodded bravely.

I left the ruined church behind, and hurried deeper into the island—.

Christianity’s Warrior

I, Kiba Yuuto, came with the swordsmen group comprised of Xenovia, Irina-san and Lint-san to support Ise-kun and remained in the ruined church to fight against the newly created Devils that were birthed by the mother of Devils, Lilith. I cut down a number of enemies at once with my Holy Demonic Sword while Xenovia turned the enemies to dust with the powerful holy auras from her Durandal and Excalibur using her dual-wielding style. Although Xenovia was the present user of Durandal, she was also the user of Excalibur. It looked like the dual-wield style was what she was best at, since she wielded two legendary Holy Swords at the same time.

Irina, on the other hand, threw out the power of an Angel in the form of rings of light to the Devils while also lashing out holy aura with her Hauteclaire. Irina would save Xenovia whenever an enemy came from behind her, and Xenovia would blast away enemies with her holy aura whenever she saw them coming to Irina’s side. The teamwork of those two swordswomen was so perfect that they compensated for each other’s openings and also created chances for attack. The other church warrior, Lint-san, was, as usual, leaping around acrobatically as if she were a gymnast. She defeated all the Devils with the sword that was made out of purple flames and the light-gun while moving around.

Everyone here, including me, was raised by the church. We studied the knowledge and techniques to fight Devils, Fallen Angels, Vampires and Beasts. As things progressed, while some became Devils and Angels, everyone here was used to fighting Devils. We’d fought various strong enemies, but we also continued to train at the same time. An enemy

of this level wouldn’t matter to us as no matter how many of them teamed up. Also, even though the enemies had the power of High-class Devils…their abilities didn’t feel that way. It was because they only fought using the intensity of their demonic power alone. It meant that they only fought by charging in and using their demonic power barbarically. It was like fighting against a kid who didn’t have any fighting experience and knowledge. Normal Devils — especially the noble High-class Devils, didn’t train themselves. They fought using their own talent, knowledge, and experience. And while at that, they also remembered some techniques.

Although these Devils had talent, they didn’t have enough knowledge and experience to fully utilise it, focusing only on their Demonic power. I could only see some who were able to use it defensively. If this was the case…handling them would be easier than Middle-class Devils. If this were one-on-one, a bunch of experienced MIddle-class Devils and Angels would be enough to deal with them. We wouldn’t have any problems as long as we could dodge their simple, but powerful Demonic power attacks. We could also get on the offensive as soon as we saw an opening as they didn’t really have any means to defend themselves.

—Newborn Devils, huh? That was my judgment. My master Rias-oneesan and my comrades must’ve realised the essence of their power. We were really lucky that we could fight before they matured. And then, it was their bad luck that they had to fight us. From my experience, we had no choice but to defeat them without mercy. If we let them escape, they might turn against us. That’s why we had to defeat them. It looked like the Devils that came into the church had understood our abilities as they hesitated and escaped.

“Shit! Why are these guys so strong!”

“Just what in the world are they!?”

It was their bad luck that the rulers of Hell didn’t tell them anything about us. Why didn’t Nyx and the others tell them about the strong people? Did she have any other intention? Or was it just mere entertainment?

It was when we thought about such things while fighting that we heard the Devils making a ruckus at the church’s entrance.

“To think that an old priest would come to this abandoned church!”

“Is it really a priest? Just what the hell is with that body!?”

Old man? Priest?

As we looked that way, an old man with a spectacularly muscular body, His Eminence Vasco Strada, came in through the entrance. Rather than your usual priest clothes, the clothes he wore were the clothes that the higher-ups would wear… But these Devils couldn’t tell the difference as it seemed like they didn’t know anything. While we church swordsmen were dumbfounded by His Eminence Strada’s appearance, we also felt reassured at the same time! Although Rias-oneesama said that she couldn’t get hold of His Eminence, it looked like he came to this island of his own accord. His Eminence smiled as he said to the Devils.

“Did you come to repent?”

A Devil then jumped towards him!

“Die! You old geezer!”

The moment the Devil jumped out, a single punch was all it took for them to be blown away and a wall destroyed. His fist was — enveloped in a holy aura. —Holy fist. It was one of His Eminence's attacks. Just by endowing his trained fist with holy aura and throwing a punch, Devils and various other beings were knocked down. The Devil that destroyed the wall must've been turned to dust by His Eminence's holy punch. I said to His Eminence.

"Your Eminence, you don't have to do anything."

Irina-san and Xenovia with Lint-san continued as they attacked.

"These ba~d Devils!"

"Will be cut down by us!"

"That's right!"

His Eminence laughed in response to our words.

"Hmm. What reliable people. Looks like there's no need for me to use my sword."

His Eminence Strada looked satisfied with us, the swordsmen raised by the church, fighting as he punched the Devils that came from the sides—.

We could finally catch a breath after defeating all the Devils that were inside the church. Yep, we should have cut down quite the number. I think that should cut the enemy's battle power down significantly… As I looked around the ruins of the church, something popped into my mind. Around a year and a half ago, I also fought in this kind of place, huh? Lint-san asked me suspiciously.

“What’s wrong, Kiba-kyunpaisen?”

“Yeah, I remembered fighting your older brother in a ruined church.”

Freed Selzen—. We fought him several times in Kuoh town. Especially against me… I must’ve been his toughest opponent. I was the one who delivered the final strike after all. Despite knowing that, Lint-san didn’t

blame me for it. Instead, she apologised to me.

“I see. I did hear how something like that did happen. No, sorry for the trouble that my brother caused.”

“No, it’s fine. However, I just feel like it’s fate we got to fight together in a place like this.”

Not even the Devil himself would understand the reason why I fought together with his sister. Xenovia shrugged her shoulders.

“Well, I guess those things just happen. Ise and Master Rias’s relationship, these kinds of things just happen you know.”

Irina continued on.

“Yeah, all these crazy things are happening. Even His Eminence is here after all.”

They considered each other enemies the first time they met after all. But they were now classmates that could be depended on. His Eminence Strada laughed cheerfully.

“Hahaha, It’s impossible for us to know how this thing called ‘fate’ works. —Anyway, Isaiah Kiba Yuuto”

Suddenly, His Eminence asked me.

“Yes?”

“You were called Kiba-kyunpaisen by your junior. Why is that?”

“No, uhm…I also want to know that…”

I was also troubled by the answer. I was somehow called that by my first-year juniors… Lint-san also started to call me “Kiba-kyunpaisen”… What’s with the ‘kyun’…? But it’s just been like this, so I didn’t really think about it.

It was at that moment. When we relaxed for a moment, a human figure flew down from the ceiling! As we looked up, one Devil clad in its aura flew down! I didn’t feel any presence! It was the same for everyone else too! Did that mean that there were also Devils who could hide their presence!? The Devil charged at Lint-san!

“Die!”

It was at the moment Lint-san tried to dodge and attack with her sword made out of purple-flames. The Devil’s abdomen was pierced by a spear! A moment later, it overflowed with holy aura, annihilating the Devil. The person who thrust the Devil with a spear was — Cao Cao. It looked like he came to this island as our backup.

As he rotated the Longinus he was proud of, True Longinus, he tapped his shoulder with the handle of the spear. It was his habit. The Holy Spear was top-class even amongst the holy relics. Even a High-class Devil and Ultimate-class Devil would incur a fatal injury if they received a direct attack. It had that much power that even a Maou can’t let his guard down.

“You still have many openings, Lint Sellzen.”

So said Cao Cao to Lint-san. Lint-san shouldn’t have spoken with Cao Cao before. Actually, there was a bit of a fateful connection. Someone from the same institution as her was Cao Cao’s old comrade.

“You’re…a friend of Sieg-sensei.”

Cao Cao smiled and answered Lint-san’s question.

“Yeah, I’m Siegfried’s friend.”

“…Then, I presume it is okay to call you Cao Cao-sensei?”

Cao Cao pat Lint-san’s head and said.

“I don’t really mind. Do what you like.”

Although Lint-san didn’t show it on her face, she somehow looked happy about that. Despite their interaction, everyone felt a large number of malicious auras coming closer. Cao Cao said.

“It’s better if we go outside. That way, we can do an AoE attack.”

We agreed to his opinion and everyone prepared to exit the church. Ise-kun, leave this to us. You and Rias-oneesan are going to defeat Nyx!

Life.5 I’ll Even Defeat a God!

I — Hyoudou Issei joined up with Asia, Koneko-chan, Ravel, Elmenhilde, and Rias’s team (Akeno-san, Gasper, Rossweisse-san, Bova) as we headed deeper into the island. that was full of hills and valleys. In its center was a temple, made out of stone standing out as the stone pillars looked like the Parthenon of Greece. However, it had fallen into ruin in various places, making it feel as though it had become a part of history.

As we approached the temple, a single human figure appeared from a pillar’s shadow. It was a girl wearing cute frilly clothes — Nyx. As we arrived at the temple, we squared off against Nyx. The Goddess of Night laughed as she accepted us as invaders of the island.

“Your friend is an excellent spy indeed. Once again, I learned how scary [DxD] is.”

I said to Nyx.

“I’ll defeat you and then free Ingvild! …is what I’m hoping to do, but I also have something I want to ask. Why are you doing all of this? You’ve teamed up with Hades, right?”

I confronted Nyx with the question that had been bugging me. There was also the thing with Ingvild, but if she had really teamed up with Hades to cause this incident, what was the reason for that? I was really curious. Nyx laughed.

“You have Azazel’s way of talking. Yes, I’ve teamed up with Hades. He simply doesn’t like you guys. He thinks that he and his guys are enough to protect the human world and our territory.”

“If he really wanted to protect humans, he should’ve cooperated with us. Why does he have to use all the Devils in this island…? Is he rejecting us?”

“Like I said, he simply doesn’t like you guys. Also, the other gods who support him too. Not only that, they also view you guys as dangerous.”

“Dangerous?”

“You guys became far too strong in such a short span… Longinus users and the people around you, he thinks you guys carry risks, as once you guys and your Longinus get stronger, you will stir up other abnormal beings and worlds. And even I can somehow relate to that. Ingvild’s abilities are also crazily absurd, right? I mean, she could defeat you, who became strong enough to fight against a God, with mere songs, you know? The Longinus surpasses even the abnormal. Plus, their numbers are only increasing. It’s only natural that he would find it terrifying.”

…It would be fine if Hades simply hated us…. I see, the danger of Longinus abilities, huh. That’s…I could somehow agree on that… …The Demonic Beast Riot was caused by Annihiliation Maker going berserk. The Evil Dragon War was caused when Rizevim got the Longinus’ Holy Grail,Sephiroth Graal, and rapidly advanced his plan….I was also here because of a Longinus. As a lot of [DxD] members were Longinus users, we were expected to act as a deterrent against the unstable and malicious forces of each mythology, but…

—The danger of the Longinus, huh. Nyx shrugged her shoulders.

“I don’t know about my older brother Erebus, but for me, I just have an interest in the Longinus, and I also just wanted to tease you guys a bit.”

“Teasing? Are you serious?”

Nyx laughed innocently in response to my hysteric response.

“In this era, only people like you guys would challenge a god just because of a bit of teasing. Plus, you guys have the strength to challenge a god. It was also unexpectedly fun to make these special clothes to use against you.”

J-Just because of that… Just for that reason, Ingvild….! I was about to lose it as the anger inside me built up. Beside me, Rias also frowned.

“… Really, what a troublesome God.”

Nyx laughed upon seeing that expression.

“Oh, what a scary face. But, all of the Gods of Greek mythology are like this. Most of them would fight when they felt envy. Zeus’s betrayal was quite the story too.”

Nyx raised her hand and as she did that, a magic circle for transportation appeared all over the hills, and a countless number of Devils appeared from there! A thousand…more than two thousand! She still had so many Devils, huh!? Just how many did she make the mother of Devils give birth to!? While we were completely surrounded, Nyx who was in front of us enveloped herself with a black aura and flew into the

sky. The Goddess of Night exposed a fearless smile as she exuded a mighty pressure from her body.

“Because you’re the one who defeated the Evil Dragon Apophis and the current chief God of Norse Mythology Vidar with your own strength, I must respond by going all-out against you.”

You sure made it sound fun. We’re used to fighting maniacs. However, I couldn’t stand how she would hurt someone for her own pleasure. I will defeat Nyx and save Ingvild! That’s enough for me! I said to Asia and Ravel.

“I’ll be getting a bit serious, so I’m counting on you, Ravel, Asia.

The two of them nodded. I then turned to Rias.

“Shall we, Rias?”

“Yeah, of course.”

As Rias and I agreed, we went into battle-mode. I made up my mind and recited the chant to unleash my other form

–— Dragon Deification.

“—The Crimson Red Dragon dwelling within me, awaken from your dominance”

A dazzling crimson glow emitted from the gem on my right gauntlet.

“—The Crimson Heavenly Dragon I possess within me, rise up to become a King and roar”

The Dragon God Ophis’ voice echoed out from the gem—.

“—The jet-black God of Infinity”

The gem on my left gauntlet unleashed a jet-black aura. An incredible crimson aura enveloped my whole body.

“—The glorious God of Dreams”

The jet-black aura of infinity was then encased over it—.

“—Watch over the false forbidden existence we shall become that transcends the boundaries”

My crimson armour was then tinged with a jet-black pattern. The power of the Dragon God had fully manifested. And then, Ophis and I recited the final verse together—.

“—Thou shalt dance like radiance within our inferno!”

“<<[D∞D!! D∞D D∞D!! D∞D D∞D D∞D!!!! D∞D D∞D D∞D D∞D D∞D D∞D!!!!!! D∞D D∞D D∞D D∞D D∞D D∞D D∞D D∞D D∞D D∞D D∞D D∞D!!!!!!!!]>>”

All of the gems resounded with a voice which said [D∞D!!] and permeated through to the soul. An ∞ symbol emerged on all of the gems!

“<<Dragon ∞ Drive!!!!!!>>”

I wore the black and crimson armor that manifested the power of a Dragon God. —Dragon Deification. It’s my strongest form. …That being said, some restrictions were applied to the chant as the power of infinity was too powerful, making this form Pseudo-Dragon Deification. As I turned into this form, the number [88] appeared in my left gauntlet and it started counting down. This indicated that I

could use this form for eighty-eight minutes max. Being able to maintain Dragon Deification for more than an hour was quite a thing. And then, another count also started. The number [8] appeared on my right gauntlet and it started counting down. This one meant eight minutes. —A certain miracle would occur within the next eight minutes. Cladding myself in the Dragon Deification Aura, I looked up at Nyx and said.

“Primordial God, The Goddess of Night, Nyx. —Let’s do it.”

“Such aura! It won’t end with just a scratch if we’re doing this seriously!”

A sound echoed from the jewels of my armor.

“<<D∞D D∞D D∞D D∞D D∞D D∞D D∞D D∞D D∞D D∞D D∞D D∞D!!!!!!!!>>”

I maximised my aura and turned it into a single attack — Dragon Shot, and fired it at Nyx! Nyx didn’t even try to dodge as she received it head-on. The effect of the said [Godly Virgin Killer Clothes] was shown as it dispersed my giant Dragon Shot! Even my Dragon Shot couldn’t do it, huh!? Although I was shocked, the shockwave looked like it still remained as Nyx only erased the Dragon Shot itself—.

“—!?”

She was blown backwards quite far away! I chased her flying through the sky at high speed. My Dragon Shot acted as the signal to start and my comrades began to fight against the army of Devils. As I approached Nyx, a large number of Devils swarmed at me, but around a hundred were blown away with my Dragon Deification form’s Dragon Shot.

“—!”

Having gotten rid of a hundred Devils with just a single attack, the Devils realised the difference in strength and they started to take distance from me.

“H-He’s a monster…!”

“W-What is that absurd demonic energy…!?”

The shaking Devils used their tiny demonic power to defend themselves. But I was pretty sure they wouldn’t be able to block my attacks in this state. As I approached the place where Nyx was blown away to, the Goddess jumped up and flew out. She wiped the mud that got onto her face and laughed in pleasant surprise.

“To think that the resulting shockwave from your aura would be this powerful! I’m sure I’d have received an unthinkable amount of damage if I had taken that upfront!”

Nyx covered her hands with a dark aura and fired out black bullets. I shot them down with my Dragon Shot and tried to evade them, but…my attacks didn’t work because of that clothing! If my Dragon Shots only inflicted shockwaves on her, it wouldn’t be enough to finish her off! Nyx spoke as though she was trying to provoke me.

“I wonder if your powers such as tearing a woman’s dress, or even the ability to read what’s inside her heart would work on me in this state.”

Shit! You said it!

“Shall we, Ddraig?”

I asked my partner.

“I don’t know! —But, let’s try it out!”

Well, let’s try it then! I couldn’t try it out before, but now, let’s try this and add one of Ddraig’s abilities — [Penetrate]! Before Ddraig was sealed away, he had a number of powerful abilities. [Boost] — the ability to make my power grow stronger quickly. I boost my power whenever I equip either my crimson armor or Dragon Deification armour numerous times in an instant and attack. It’s the natural special ability of Boosted Gear. [Transfer] — an ability to transfer the boosted power to either my comrade or an object and increase their power. This was also a natural special ability of Boosted Gear. And then, [Penetrate] — just like the name, it’s an ability that lets me penetrate the enemy’s barrier or technique, letting me attack them directly. Ddraig’s abilities came back to me as I discovered them one after another. This time, I will use that [Penetrate] along with the boob technique that I am so proud of!

[Penetrate!!]

As the sound of [Penetrate] echoed, I released the special ability! At the same time, the characteristic pink space that I talked about was created at once!

“All right! Pailingual!”

The pink space kept spreading through the hills with me at the center! It even covered the whole island because of Dragon Deification’s power!

“Hey! The Oppai of the Goddess-san! This time, please let me hear your voice!”

I started talking to Nyx’s boobs! I’ve used [Penetrate], and there’s also the effect of Dragon Deification! Now how’s that!?

…….

…However, I couldn’t hear the voice of her breasts! Impossible! I still couldn’t get past those [Godly Virgin Killer Clothes] even with Dragon Deification and [Penetrate]!? I grit my teeth in response! I-Impossible, these things…! This was the first time my boob technique didn’t work! So this was the power of a Primordial God!

“…Shit! This isn’t good! I couldn’t hear anything even with Dragon Deification! As expected, the [Godly Virgin Killer Clothes] that the Primordial God made isn’t just for show!”

Ddraig said to me as I got frustrated,

“…Y-Yeah. It may be possible that your virginity got in the way of the Dragon God’s power and [Penetrate] this time, partner.”

Are you serious!? Is it really that grave of a sin for me to not have my first time yet!? But, Ddraig then continued,

“About that, though. A strong man is strong, even if he’s a virgin. And the weak ones are weak. I think your boob technique is just simply not strong enough, partner.”

Huh? I-Is it that simple…?

“You can’t call this proof, but just now, your demonic energy attack wasn’t completely extinguished, as the shockwave still affected Nyx, partner. And you couldn’t even do that when you were in your crimson armour state. I think it’s possible to just break them by force. There’s a limit even to things created by Gods”.

…So that means I just have to go beyond the power of the [Godly Virgin Killer Clothes], huh! Ddraig also added.

“You can wait for your comrades as someone who can destroy Nyx’s clothes must be rushing here as well. But that’s not interesting. Partner, you also want to defeat her by yourself, right?”

Of course! I want to defeat the Goddess of Night and save Ingvild! Because that’s what I promised her after all!

“If that’s the case, listen to what I have to say. It’s better than doing nothing at all.”

What should I do?

…

… As I heard Ddraig’s plan, I thought about whether it’s possible or not, and…this might be worth trying! Then I guess I’ll try it right away! First, I’ve got to do the preparations. I spoke to Rias,

“Rias, Rossweisse-san, just for a while, please handle the fight! I’ve got something I want to try!”

I left Nyx to Rias and Rossweisse-san.

“Leave it to us!”

“Understood!”

The defense and barrier magic of Rossweisse-san shouldn’t be able to be broken easily. Originally, I’d use the combination technique with Rias (or Xenovia). It was a technique where the wyverns that I manifested when I wore my armour flew onto Rias (or Xenovia), transformed and attached to them like armour. The wyvern armor had a form like mine, and the person wearing the armor will be able to use the power of the Red Dragon Emperor for a limited time.

If Rias were to wear that armor, It would be quite the power-up, but…this time, I needed to focus. Ddraig also agreed.

“The clothes that Nyx is wearing might affect those who wear your armor.”

Yes, I was afraid that by having Rias wear the wyvern armor, it’d affect her in a bad way when fighting Nyx, as my virginity problem would be a weakness to her as well. At the same time, the combination technique between Gasper and Rias must be difficult too. Gasper too…probably was like me after all. Even though Rias could get the power to fight even Gods if she were to use my wyverns or Gasper’s combination technique…!

Gasper himself had transformed into the beast of darkness and kicked away a large number of Devils. On top of that, he spread the darkness even more and manifested an uncountable number of monsters as he released them at the Devils. He was in a serious offense mode. Asia, whose role was healing, also already had one of the Five Dragon Kings — Fafnir that she had made a contract to as her familiar summoned, and her defense was almost perfect. …W-Well, although I am sure Asia must’ve paid quite the price… The other members were also seen to be defeating more than a thousand Devils easily. However, it would be a bad thing to prolong this battle for long. I quickly called out to one of my teammates fighting in mid-air — Akeno-san.

“Akeno-san!”

“What’s wrong, Ise-kun?”

She flew down beside me as she answered. I asked Akeno-san,

“I’ve something to ask! —Please be my phone!”

“—!”

Akeno-san was dumbfounded in response to my words.

“…Are you going to use ‘*that*’?”

“Yes, if it’s the size of Akeno-san’s oppai, it should also reach Ingvild! Please be my carrier!”

In response to my words, Akeno-san…

“…”

She was extremely surprised. …Of course she would be, huh. I had another boob technique. — It was called [Paiphone]. It allowed me to communicate with a girl far away using a girl’s boobs. The boobs became something like a phone. However, the transmission speed and line changed depending on the carrier. In this case, the bigger the boobs, the better the signal — that’s what I think! That’s why I asked Akeno-san, who has the biggest boobs among my comrades who came here, to be the carrier for me. Akeno-san herself — teared up!

“A-Akeno-san!? S-Sorry, you don’t want to do it!?”

That’s right! I’m a cruel boyfriend to suddenly ask her to be my phone! I should’ve chosen the right words…but Akeno-san shook her head.

“No. I’m happy. …I can finally be like Rias. My oppai can be useful to you.”

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…Akeno-san, she was happy because her boobs can be useful to my fight… I held Akeno-san’s hands, and

forthrightly made a declaration!

“Of course! Akeno-san… No, Akeno’s also — my precious future bride after all!”

Akeno-san might have felt too overwhelmed in response to my words that she cried loudly. But at the same time, she also looked serious.

“I got it, my husband-sama! Come here!”

Akeno-san — took off her clothes, and got bare-chested! Those big best boobs swayed in front of me as it went bururun! I heightened my boob technique power and took off the armour in my hand. As I did that, I moved my exposed fingers!

“Let’s go, Paiphone!”

I grasped Akeno-san’s boobs and fondled them! The sensation of boobs whilst on a battlefield was somewhat strange! Akeno-san let out an arousing voice. As I fondled them to my heart’s content, I called the receiver. The far-away person that I called was—.

“…Hello, hello. Ingvild, can you hear me?”

Ingvild who was waiting inside the barrier in Hyoudou residence. After a while, I could hear a voice from Akeno-san’s boobs.

“…Ise?”

Ooh, it’s Ingvild! It connected to her in Japan!

“Ingvild…your song, will you please sing it with all your heart’s content? Your ability to control Dragons, it means

that it can affect Dragons. —I was thinking that maybe you can also do the opposite of weakening the power.”

[—]

That was Ddraig’s suggestion. If she could weaken, then she should also be able to strengthen. Isn’t that what it means to control? —Those were Ddraig’s words.

The fact her Longinus was a new one meant that it was still in the middle of being researched. If that was the case, the possibility was quite high. Ingvild was—.

[…]

She was hesitant. She might be thinking that her songs could only weaken us. However, the songs that I heard in the park and the sea were really good and beautiful. If she were to sing of her own will and use the Longinus—.

“Ingvild! Please sing for me! The song that you created! Sing what’s in your heart with all your might! For our sake! If you sing, I’m sure we’ll be able to fight Nyx! I beg you!”

I begged from the bottom of my heart through Akeno-san’s breasts. And then, she — decided.

“All right. I’ll sing]”

I could hear Ingvild’s song through Akeno-san breasts. But, at that time — a miracle occurred! Ingvild’s beautiful voice could be heard all over the battlefield.

That day

Like the night that turned to dawn

I woke up in this world

The lonely me continued to wander

And I finally met you

My encounter with you

With infinite-like dreams and illusions

Changed my world

When I looked, Ingvild's voice could be heard from the oppai of Rias, Asia, Koneko-chan, Rossweisse-san, Ravel, Elmenhilde and the girls that were on this hill! —Rias and the other's oppai had turned into speakers! And under such circumstances, Ingvild's song continued to be heard across the battlefield.

"I can hear Ingvild's voice from the girls' oppai!"

—They're like Paipods! I was impressed by this phenomenon. I glimpsed at Koneko-chan briefly. W-Well, I guess Koneko-chan's is like a Paipod-mini… Suddenly, my gaze met with Koneko-chan's and she glared at me.

"…You did not think of any weird things, did you?"

As usual, she's always good at reading what's inside my heart! In spite of such things, Ingvild's voice resounded.

If I offer you this throbbing heart

Would you be satisfied?

Like a Dragon that dances in the sky

I want to dance by your side

Your red armor was as crimson as blood

Turning everything pure white to crimson

The inside of my chest, 'twas buried in crimson

I don't ever want to fall asleep again

This song, the lyrics… Is it about Ingvild? The song that she herself sang—. And then, Ingvild sang the next verse.

That day, the one who called me

Was you, who was hurt

Even if it was a mere coincidence at first

It was like a fated encounter, don’t you think?

My beginning with you

With burning love and affection

Changed all of me

If I were to present you my loving heart

I am sure you will be strong

Like a Devil who grants a wish

I want to watch your dreams

The black armor was created by miracles

The God of fate surely must not be scared

The depths of my heart, contain nothing but you

Because my love will never be destroyed

Based on the content of her song, is this…about Rias? Rias also seemed to take notice.

“…Ingvild is singing…a song about me?”

A moment later—. Rias' chest glowed. But it didn't stop at Rias. Asia, Akeno-san, Koneko-chan, Ravel, Rossweisse-san, and Elmenhilde's boobs also started to glow. Pillars of light began to rise up from far away. And over there…Xenovia, Irina and Lint-san? The songs could be heard from the girls' boobs, and now they're glowing! The song continued.

I offer this throbbing heart

I want you to feel at peace

Like a Dragon that flies through dimensions

I want to spend the days peacefully

Infinite wishes shine in crimson

They satisfy us

Inside your heart, everyone is okay

As long as you stay by my side

That song — she was singing about herself and us. So she can not only sing about herself, but also what's on other people's minds…? As I thought that way…

"D∞DBoost! D∞DBoost! D∞DBoost! D∞DBoost! D∞DBoost! D∞DBoost! D∞DBoost! D∞DBoost! D∞DBoost! D∞DBoost! D∞DBoost!!!!!!!"

From my jewel, a completely new voice that I'd never heard before echoed loudly! At the same time, an unknown power started to overflow from my body! It seemed to have risen from my depths! Light purple particles started to appear around us and they surrounded my comrades. These

were the particles that appeared when she was singing in the park—.

“This is amazing! I can feel the power flowing to me!”

Rias’s body was also releasing an aura so dense that I’d never felt before. And it was not just her; everyone in the battlefield was the same! Gasper and Bova were also covered by the purple particles and began to be clad in an enormous aura! Amazing—.

Ingvild’s song not only affected Dragons, it even managed to affect my comrades too! Ddraig explained,

“It might also be because of your Dragon Deification’s power that it even caused a strengthening effect to our comrades in this place. Kukuku, partner, it’s exactly like I thought. That girl’s song is — frightening.”

…So that meant my [Transfer] ability was used? To cause such things with that song…! But, with this unknown power, Nyx can be—. I swiftly flew towards Nyx’s location as I closed our distance! She also prepared herself as she noticed my presence! I elevated my perverted power as I pushed my hand forward!

“Boobs Power Wave!”

I released the charged breast power at Nyx from a distance! Until now, my attacks didn’t work due to the [Godly Virgin Killer Clothes]! But, right now—. Nyx’s body was paralysed because of the Boobs Power Wave, rendering her immobile. Nyx was also shocked by this.

“Kuh! I can’t break the Sekiryuutei’s willpower?”

This is nice! This is nice! That should do the trick now! I increased my perverted power to the limit and released it at once!

“Do it! Destroy them! Tear them apart! [Dress Break DxD]!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!”

As a loud noise was heard, the cute [Godly Virgin Killer Clothes] that Nyx wore were blown off! Her stunning, sculpture-like proportions was exposed! Inside my helmet, my nose spurted out blood in response to the Goddess’ naked body! I’ve savored them with my eyes, thank you! Nyx was horrified looking at the clothes that she was proud of being destroyed.

“—Wha-! My [Godly Virgin Killer Clothes]!? How!?”

“It was strengthened thanks to Ingvild’s song!”

The Goddess was surprised as she asked me.

“W-What was strengthened!?”

“The willpower and the perverted power of a pervert!”

I said it! I don’t know about the details! It might just be like what Ddraig said before, that my output power was simply strengthened, exceeding the effect of the enemy’s clothes! But, it was my perverted nature that allowed me to have this effect! Don’t look down on a perverted man’s willpower and pervertness!

“I can hear the song!”

“Yeah, I was surprised!”

Xenovia, Irina, Kiba, Lint-san…as well as His Eminence Strada and Cao-cao rushed here. Perfect, my future brides are all here! I had something to say to everyone regarding this matter! I screamed so my comrades and Nyx could hear me!

“Listen, Nyx! No, my future brides should also listen to me!”

I took a deep breath and shouted it out loud!

“My first time — I’ve decided that I’ll do it together with all my brides at the same time! I’ll do perverted things with everyoneeeeeeeeeee!”

That’s right! I’m not gonna do it with one person! I’ll do it with everyone at the same time! That’s the kind of dignity I think a man aiming to be a Harem king should have! Nyx was bewildered in response to my declaration.

“…Wha-! T-That’s the worst declaration!”

I don’t care about that kind of response! I then asked my future brides.

“Everyone, that’ll do, right!?”

“Yeah!”

Everyone responded! Hehe, looks like I’ll be having a great time during my first time… I’ll have to prepare myself. Ddraig also laughed boldly.

“Kukukukuku! Ahahahaha! As expected of my partner! You’re a true Heavenly Dragon! A Red Dragon Emperor, like me!”

“And with that, my first time is going to be amazing. Well then, it’s your turn, Ddraig!”

Yes, the count on my right gauntlet had ended, which meant—

A crimson light began to emit from all the jewels in my armor, turning into a large shape. Then, what appeared in the sky was — a giant dragon! —[Welsh Dragon] Red Emperor Dragon Ddraig! This was one of the strongest abilities of my current Dragon Deification form; Ddraig’s manifestation. Although there was a time limit, I could fight alongside the resurrected Ddraig within that time. Nyx was surprised, but also trembled with excitement in response to this phenomenon.

“T-This is the manifestation of Ddraig!”

Ddraig stood beside me and said to Nyx daringly.

“My partner’s enough though. First, I have to show the rulers of hell what’ll happen if they become the enemy of the — Red Dragon.”

Well, well. We have to show them what it means to pick a fight with us! I mean, I already warned them once when they came to attack my father! Ddraig and I flew towards Nyx’s location simultaneously! The opponent was no longer wearing the [Godly Virgin Killer Clothes]! I could now attack her to my heart’s content! I released my Dragon Shot while Ddraig repeatedly punched from the sides. Nyx couldn’t block either of the attacks as she received each one of them directly.

“…Kuh! What power…!”

We can do this! Let’s end this at once! I said to my partner, Ddraig.

“Ddraig! We’re going all out! Let’s go!”

“Yeah! Let’s end this!”

I readied the cannons located in my four wings and pointed them at my enemy. Two cannons extended from both sides of my back, and they gathered a crimson and jet-black aura. As it went ‘Duuuu….’, a large amount of aura had gathered in the muzzle of all the four cannons!

“If I take that….I’ll be done for!”

Nyx felt the danger as she tried to run away, but — Ddraig responded by breathing flames which caused her to fall off balance. As that happened, I unleashed the concentrated aura cannon!

“<<[D∞D!! D∞D D∞D!! D∞D D∞D D∞D!!!! D∞D D∞D D∞D D∞D D∞D D∞D!!!!!! D∞D D∞D D∞D D∞D D∞D D∞D D∞D D∞D D∞D D∞D D∞D D∞D D∞D!!!!!!!!]>>”

I screamed along with the sound!

“Infinity Blasteeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeer!”

Along with that, Ddraig inflated his chest and exhaled a large volume of flames!

“Eat this, Goddess! Welsh Dragon Flare!”

The aura bombardment that was fired from my four cannons combined with the large volume of flames that Ddraig breathed out landed a direct hit on Nyx. That resulted in a large explosion which covered the sky above

the island — no, the sky in the surroundings of the island! The simultaneous attack from me and Ddraig even painted the whole area in crimson. On the other side, having received both Ddraig's and my attack, Nyx was—.

"T-This is the Red Dragon Emperor—]"

She somehow looked satisfied while appearing scared at the same time—. Having endured our simultaneous attack, Nyx fell to the ground. She was already hurt and it looked like she wasn't in the condition to stand up anymore.

"What's with the Welsh Dragon Flare?"

I asked Ddraig. I was surprised that he suddenly called out the name of his technique.

"Kukuku, it's just something that I learned watching you, partner."

Oh, so that's it. Well, screaming out the technique's name feels good after all! Ddraig and I brofisted as we defeated Nyx.

"We are…"

"The Strongest!"

Ddraig and I strengthened our resolve. Rias interrupted us,

"Hey! The Devils are still here even if you have defeated Nyx!"

Oh, that's right So even after defeating the boss, they're still moving, huh. The chain of command of the rulers of Hell is rather solid… Ddraig and I added the final touches as we defeated the Devils—.

Part 2

After defeating Nyx and the Devils, we handed the captured Nyx to the God of Olympus — Apollon-san. Nyx's punishment was still to be determined, but Beelzebub-sama had said sealing her was already guaranteed. Well, since we had finished fighting, we returned to the Hyoudou household where Ingvild was. Rossweisse-san, who was searching for Nyx's brainwashing spell that had been cast on Ingvild, sighed in relief.

"….I've undone Nyx's curse. I think it's okay now"

"Ooh!"

We all shouted happily! Great! The fight was worth it! Ingvild thanked us,

"…Thank you, everyone. …Though I'm not sure how I should thank you…"

Everyone replied with 'It's fine, it's fine' even though they had such an intense fight. Suddenly, light emitted from my palm as it made something appear.

—It was the case that contained my Evil Pieces. It was something I received when I became a High-class Devil. Inside it were the pieces I hadn't used. Why did it suddenly appear on my palm by his own? Although I was puzzled, a single piece was glowing in crimson as I opened the case. — It was the [Queen] piece.

"—Hm. …My Evil Piece is…"

Ingvild's body also emitted a pale crimson light as if responding to this. The Evil Piece and Ingvild's body glowed in synchronisation. Witnessing this phenomenon, Rias said,

“Your Evil Piece must be telling you that it has found a suitable partner.”

—.

…Are you serious? So these things happen too, huh… My Queen—. As I looked at Ingvild, our gazes met. Rias smiled as she asked,

“Now, what will you do? High-class Devil, Hyoudou Issei. It was completely by feel in my time before. As a result, I was blessed with the best servant. However, the one who decides this is you. You yourself. And then, she herself.”

…By feel, huh. This fate was probably decided when I met her in the park. I might be rejected… But even so, I choose to believe in this fate and my piece. I said to Ingvild,

“Ingvild. If it’s good with you, would you please be my servant? Although we’ve just met for a little while…my piece is responding to you, and I also have a feeling that you’re suitable. Though like Rias said, it’s all just based on a feeling.”

It was a terrible way of talking, but Ingvild asked me.

“Can I sing if I were to be under you?”

I replied with a smile.

“Of course you can. To your heart’s content. Even if these things happen again, I’ll save you. So, won’t you please let me hear your voice some more?”

She reached her hand out as she answered in response to my words.

“—Yeah. I want to live this age with you, Ise.”

My Queen piece got closer to her side. As Ingvild received it, it sank down to her chest. Devil wings then appeared from her back. Moreover, she had eight wings. Rias was astonished.

“And just like that, eight wings. As expected from the descendant of the previous Leviathan.”

She was also surprised that her wings had appeared. She said with a troubled expression,

“How do you put these away?”

That’s right, when I first spread my wings, I didn’t know how to close them and asked Rias about it if I recalled correctly. Seeing Ingvild like that, I smiled—.

New Life

Part 1

Things had become peaceful again since we defeated Nyx. All the members of Kuoh Academy's Occult Research Club (Including the old members Rias and Akeno-san) gathered in the club room as we received reports from Maou Beelzebub-sama, who spoke through the communication magic circle.

"Regarding this case, it seems like it was all Nyx's initiative. As she had a strong interest in Longinus and she knew about Ingvild's existence, she tried to use her power. However, even though this case was all Nyx's initiative, we're questioning Hades' side. As we're going to do a compulsory investigation starting with Lilith-sama and the Devils that they created, we're going to work together with each mythology."

Oohh, so a compulsory search of Hades had been decided due to Nyx's initiative, huh. Well, she did send us that many Devils and kidnapped a Longinus user. It's only natural that they'd get a compulsory investigation. Though I doubt they'd just hand us the mother of Devils, Lilith… I asked Beelzebub-sama.

"So, does it mean that we're destroying the rulers of Hell group?"

[That's what we'd do if possible. However, it'd be troublesome as their trump card — their last resort might have the possibility of being a nuisance. It's better to steadily reduce their fighting power. …We might be getting near the end of the fight.]

…We couldn’t just charge in because we didn’t know what kind of last resort they might have, huh. The state of things in the supernatural world was quite complicated as well. Beelzebub-sama continued on.

[If the time comes, there is also a possibility of borrowing the power of [DxD]. Just prepare yourselves.]

We responded to the Maou.

[Understood!]

—And then, Beelzebub-sama talked about Ingvild.

[Also, about Ingvild’s sleeping disease…we’ve received news that Hypnos, the Olympian God of sleep, and Oneiros, the Olympian God of dreams, will offer their help.]

That’s much appreciated! Although she woke up due to the power of her Longinus, we had no idea when it would relapse again. I want to know more about the endemic sleeping disease that spread among Devils. I felt that it wasn’t just Sairaorg-san mother’s problem. Beelzebub-sama added.

[Those two Gods were created by Nyx. It seems like they have something in mind regarding this case and so they agreed to help. Accepting their help is good and all, but what do you guys want to do with Ingvild?]

About that — let’s ask the person herself. We looked at the purple-haired girl who was sitting on the clubroom’s sofa. It was Ingvild who was wearing Kuoh Academy’s girls’ uniform. She attended this academy as a second-year as well. Plus, she also lived in the Hyoudou Residence. Well, it was better to have her close to me as she’s my servant. As she joined me, I asked her.

“Ingvild, what do you want to do about the treatment for your sleeping disease?”

Ingvild answered.

“I’ll take it.”

And that’s about it. I responded to Beelzebub-sama as I went “Please!”. However, to think that the Gods created by Nyx would be saying such things… Also, I heard that the Ultimate-class Grim Reaper Thanatos was also created by Nyx. Somehow, I felt like I had some connections to the people of Hell… It’s scary, so I shouldn’t lower my guard.

—Now, as the meeting with Beelzebub-sama had ended, Rias said to us one more time,

“Everyone knows what day today is, right? It’s about time, let’s go.”

Ravel stood up in response to this.

“Yeah! Today is the day where the bracket of the Rating Game World Tournament will be decided!”

Yeah, today was our fated day—.

Part 2

We (Asia, Xenovia, Irina, Rossweisse-san, Ravel, Nakiri, Elmenhilde, Bova, Roygun-san and I) of the [Sekiryuutei of the Blazing Truth] team gathered. A girl who was wearing a Dragon mask and appeared to be of around the same age as me — Bina Lessthan-shi also joined. She’s one of our most important teammates. I also brought along Ingvild who just became my servant. Rias’ team [Rias Gremory] that consisted of Rias, Akeno-san, Koneko-chan, Kiba, Gasper,

Lint, and His Eminence Strada also gathered with a cute girl who had red eyes — Valerie Tepes. She was a half-vampire, as well as Gasper's childhood friend, and on top of that, she had the Longinus Sephiroth Graal. She also belonged to Rias's team. Another man with a tall figure who had a black and golden hair with his right eyes being gold and his left being black was also in Rias's team. The man who wore a black coat, having transformed into his humanoid figure, was actually the legendary Evil Dragon Crom Cruach. It was the Dragon that was said to be Rias's team's strongest key player.

These two teams had come to the place where the tournament's main stage was about to be decided — the floating city Agreas. It's a giant floating city that's in the territory of Underworld's Archduke Agares. It's the sacred place of the Rating Game, and I had also participated here before. The hall that was going to be used to announce the bracket was the large hall of a certain high-class and luxurious hotel in Agreas. All sixteen teams that would enter the main tournament had gathered there. I could already feel a heavy pressure as everyone seemed like they were ready to go before the fight even began. A contestant that I knew also rushed here. It was my rival as the Two Heavenly Dragons — a handsome silver-haired guy, Vali Lucifer, also came to this hall along with his team. Upon meeting me, Vali only said these simple words.

"Don't you dare lose until you meet me."

"I know."

It was enough for both of us. A tall and muscular man, the next head of the House of Bael, Sairaorg Bael, was also standing in the hall's space. It looked like he was talking to someone, so I thought I couldn't just go talk to him. I guess

I'll just do it later. But, I doubt I'd be able to say hi if I ended up getting matched with him in my first match…

And with that, to put it simply, the lineups for the teams participating in the Rating Game World Tournament was super easy to be changed. For example, if you're a Devil, you can just participate with your servants like the usual Rating Game, but it's also okay if the member(s) isn't your servant. So combinations exceeding mythologies and beliefs are possible. This tournament was on a whole new level as participants from all mythologies gathered.

Now, as the announcer appeared on the stage and the mass media of all mythologies started to let their camera flashes go wild, the program advanced. After Ajuka Beelzebub-sama, one of the hosts of this tournament, gave his congratulatory address, the ballot for the tournament's bracket started. The representative of each teams, the King, went to the stage to take a numbered-ball inside a box and gave it to the staff without telling anyone.

[Next, the representative of the [Sekiryuutei of the Blazing Truth] team, please come forward.]

I went to the stage as I was called. The camera flashes went off like crazy at once… As I inserted my hand, I picked up a ball and handed it to the staff. … It was number [5].

After the other representatives went to retrieve a ball, the selection had finally concluded for all sixteen teams.

The staff went to the back as they worked for around ten minutes—. During that time, I somehow felt uneasy as my heart was pumping. The announcer stood on the stage and started to talk with his mic.

[The bracket has been decided. It was decided through a fair process. Well then, please pay attention to the screen. The tournament bracket will be shown there!]

All the teams going to the main stage as well as the mass media started to pay attention to the screen. And Then, It was shown—.

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Not long after it was shown—-.

[OOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOH!]

Loud cheers could be heard from all over the hall. I saw both my and my comrades' matchups!

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…So this is how it turned out huh! I was shocked by the power of the so-called 'fate' in response to the bracket. I was so surprised that I felt chills on my back as well as gulped down. The opponent for my first match was — Rias! … Sudden, this is too sudden! Can this even be possible…!? The brave Xenovia was also taken aback in response to this.

"From the first match!?"

Akeno-san's seemed to have an 'Ara,ara' expression.

"This turned out to be another bizarre thing, huh."

Rossweisse-san also sighed in response to this.

"Well these things do happen in a tournament."

Lint-san with her usual tension said.

"Wo~w, this is going to be amazing"

Rias closed her eyes and heaved a deep sigh. And then, she only said one thing.

"…Fate, I guess that's what this is."

I also stood next to Rias and nodded.

“Yes, that’s also what I think. —-It might be fate to fight you from the first match.”

Kiba — my close friend stood in front of me. He was already full of fighting spirit. He must be considering me as a rival he should defeat.

“Ise-kun, now that it has turned to this, you are my enemy. I — am Rias-neesan’s [Knight] after all.”

Now that’s the spirit, buddy…! Saying things that burn the spirit from the bottom of your heart…! I also said to Kiba straight-on.

“I know. I’ll also go against you with all my strength.”

—Suddenly, Xenovia barged in.

“That’s what you should say after defeating me, Ise’s [Knight], Kiba.”

“Aah, that’s right. That’s exactly right. Let this be a fight for us Knights, the masters of swords.”

Both of them glared are each other. The two of them have had a connection since one of the higher-ups of the Fallen Angels Kokabiel came and attacked this town. Now that it had come to this, I was sure both of them must be feeling pretty psyched up. There was someone who gave Ddraig and me an enormous sense of pressure. —The tall man with a black coat, Crom Cruach. His violent aura couldn’t be restrained as his expression warped in joy.

“Sekiryuutei…Hyoudou Issei, and also Ddraig. —Let’s get this done. We should be aiming for the highest level of Dragons. I’ve been doing new training since Ddraig’s revival, all for the sake of this, to defeat you.”

—.

…So that’s why you never showed yourself! Damn, what a battle maniac! Ddraig replied to Crom Cruach,

[I’m sure you have more strength compared to me, but… you know, it’s no problem. I’ll just get to your level as we fight. Don’t you mock a Heavenly Dragon, Evil Dragon.]

“You say interesting things, Ddraig. Aah, I can’t wait to fight…”

[Soon. I also look forward to it.]

My gaze met with Rias’s. She’s my master, as well as my girlfriend. My beloved person. My future bride. But, now — she’s one of my rivals! I declared to Rias.

“Rias. I — will defeat you. That’s what I promised since we participated in this Tournament, and I’ve come this far thanks to everything I’ve learnt from you thus far.”

Rias fearlessly laughed.

“That’s good, Ise. I too — will defeat you!”

As the unpredicted matchup arose in our first fight, the heat of the tournament rose to an apex and engulfed us. The Rating Game World Tournament [Azazel Cup], would be on fire starting from here—.

Afterword

The last boss of this book is the protagonist’s ex-lover [Ultimate Goddess Eternal Amazoness]. Her final move is [Berserker Cobra Twist], and the one that the protagonist has is [Kick of Hyper Abyss Aura]. As their life-or-death battle unfolded, they were both defeated in the end. In the finale, the heroine, as well as the protagonist, got reincarnated again and they will meet in the next era.

Hahaha! If you’re one of the readers who look at the afterword first, then you just got pranked!

Just a joke guys, I’m sorry. There’s no way those things would be in this book.

To those who have just read this book and to those who have stayed for a while; hello, I’m Ishibumi Ichiei. What do you guys think of [True High School DxD] or [True DxD]? I was really nervous about my new book release after four months. And because of that…I think I’ll stop the joke there. Yes, I just put the same thing that was in the afterword of the unlabeled High School DxD Volume 1. And yes, this year also marks the tenth year since the beginning of the DxD series.

If I were to introduce it again, this True High School DxD is the continuation of High School DxD’s original story, which is comprised of 25 Volumes and 4 Volumes of short story compilations. Due to various things and adult circumstances, the series will start from Volume 1 once again this time.

I lightly reintroduced the characters, setting, as well as the world view, as there might be some readers who started from

this volume. A new story was also developed on top of that. From the new readers' point of view, however, it might seem like the protagonist suddenly became a High-class Devil, and has many girlfriends as well as rivals. But, Ise-kun has a considerable amount of fighting experience, and is now so strong that he is able to defeat a God.

And now, his new servant — Ingvild Leviathan has also become his comrade. I wanted to introduce a new character as we restarted the series, so I wrote her in. Because there was no diva for Ise, I felt like I should make one appear this time. Please give your love to the new comrade. The song was a suggestion. I was embarrassed about the original lyrics…

Now, I think there're some people who've noticed, but I've made this first volume of True DxD similar in content to the unlabeled first volume. As you read it, you might have felt a sense of nostalgia. I think you would know the difference if you compare the weak Ise who couldn't even teleport using a magic circle in the first volume of the unlabeled, so please try to compare them.

Ah, that's right. Please check for the names of the teams that are going to the main tournament in the beginning of the unlabeled DxD 1's afterword. You might go 'Ah!', but they aren't the last boss, so please be careful. It's just an easter egg. Also, about Kiryuu, I thought up a lot of things and I decided to have her learn magic.

From here onwards, I have an announcement!

Actually, High School DxD's tenth anniversary commemoration memorial fan book is on sale right now! Included in the fan book is an introduction of all the important characters who have been introduced thus far, as

well as various other articles filled with information. In addition, I plan to include a commemoration novel. Please wait for further announcements in Dragon Magazine. And then there's one more big announcement. The Blu-Ray disc and DVD for the new anime series that aired in April this year High School DxD Hero's first episode is planned to go on sale shortly after the release of this True DxD 1 volume. That package contains a unique novel in each episode, [High School DxD 0 (Zero)].

This DxD 0 contains the story about the beginning of Sirzechs and Grayfia's romance that I talked about in the previous afterword. It was quite challenging to find the time to write it, but now here it is. The story is set more than a few hundred years before the main DxD timeline during the war between the previous Maous' government with their do-or-die resistance (the side that Grayfia was part of) and the rebel army that didn't agree with them (the side that Sirzechs was part of). Those of you who're interested, please check it out!

Now, I think the new anime series [Hero] would've ended by the time this book comes out, however, I was writing this afterword when the series was still on its second-half, showing the Lion Heart of the School Festival arc, so I can't spoil it…. That being said, the fight in the first half, Pandemonium of the School Trip, was magnificent, don't you think?

I was happy with the Kyoto arc, Kunou and the Hero Faction being animated, but I was moved by Ise's Illegal Move Triaina as it was so cool! That was the best of the best…. But, it is a shame that there were only a few times in the main story where that technique was used. That aside, the Oppai Dragon Song in Episode 0 was also magnificent. Also, I kept replaying and watching the sparring match between Ise and

Sairaorg in Episode 1. Plus, the characters that'd be important later in the series also showed up in the anime. By the time it comes out, Hades, Diehauser, Rudiger, and Sakra would've made their appearances. If you think about it, the characters that appear in the final stage of volume nine and ten of the original light novel (Cao Cao, First generation Sun Wukong and others) should also come out.

I'm sorry that the talk about the anime became this long…. I was so excited because Hero was amazing. I'd be so happy if they decide to do another season of the anime. I really have to thank you guys for your continued support.

Now for the acknowledgments. Miyama Zero-sama, I am counting on you for this continuation, True High School DxD. Editor T-sama, thank you for helping me, I'm always indebted to you.

Next is True High School DxD 2! The story will be about Ise's team vs Rias's team that'll move you till the end! An unexpected main battle. In fact, the fight that I always wanted to make since I planned the World Tournament was this. I've always wanted to write a match between Ise and Rias.

Regarding the matches of the tournament, I'll basically only write a bit about matches other than Vali's and Ise's. If I were to write about everyone's battles, there'd be no guarantee as to how many volumes this series would turn out to have. However, I plan to cover the fights that are important. Looking at the bracket, I could imagine all sorts of things and I feel really honoured!

Also about this, I plan to do rotations on the story like the announcement I made on the last volume of the unlabeled series, going from tournament matches > events of daily life

> tournament matches > events of daily life. Because I think it’d be hard to write about the matches every time, I’d like to insert some other events in between like in this volume. All heroines will also be featured!

I currently plan to feature Ravel, Kunou, Le Fay, and Elmenhilde one by one. I especially want to write the second Kyoto arc (Kunou’s time). I’d like to set the story on Koneko’s school trip as a second-year.

And with that, the next volume will centre on the Gremory Peerage. In other words, the story will be about Ise and Rias along with all of their comrades. This was quite an important story for the start of a new series, but I believe that this kind of free start is better, so thank you and please continue your support!

To close this, the reason why this series was able to go on for ten years was because of your support. I want to thank you guys from the bottom of my heart. Thank you so much. Please continue your support for True DxD and other series of the High School DxD Universe.

Well then, True High School DxD starts now!

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